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To the pioneers who laid the foundations of our city and county so broad and deep; to the old residents who builded so wisely and well thereon, and to their successors, who have enlarged, beautified and enjoyed the magnificent results, this volume of biography is dedicated, in the hope that it will assist in keeping green the memory of those whose names are enrolled herein in honor of their useful activities and worthy lives.

"People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors."—BURKE.

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BIOGRAPHICAL

FRANK D. HAIMBAUGH, whose name adorns the title page of this work, a work in which he took much interest and for which he acted as editorial sponsor, passed away suddenly at his home in Muncie on the evening of January 2, 1924, he then being in his sixty-seventh year, and the community mourned the passing of a good man. The local newspapers well expressed this sense of common loss. The *Evening Press* said: "The great, generous heart of Frank D. Haimbaugh is stilled, but the good works he has done will live after him. In this community he has builded a monument for himself, not only by the things he has done for the material benefit of the citizens, but he has builded it in their love and respect. For him did not exist the ambition to attract wealth to his pockets, but rather to attract to himself the affectionate regard of his fellows—and he died rich. . . . . In all the affairs of life he was a gentleman, because he was a gentle man—and that covers nearly all the virtues. No greater encomium need be rendered. His day-by-day life was its own eulogy. Today his helping hands are taking the rest they so well deserve." The *Morning Star* said: "When a city loses a man like Frank D. Haimbaugh it suffers a great loss for Mr. Haimbaugh was a true community builder. He was a constructionist in every sense of the word . . . . and it is probable that no man in Muncie has had more to do with civic enterprises than he. . . . . He was a true optimist. Muncie has been made vastly richer through the thirty years that Frank Haimbaugh spent here, and his intimate friends will miss his great personality as time moves on." In many homes in Delaware county now are treasured what, in view of his unexpected passing, may be regarded as a farewell message from this cheery man. Just a few days before his passing, and with all his wonted cheer and robust vigor, Mr. Haimbaugh had distributed among his friends cards bearing an expression of his good will "For the Year 1924," saying: "My worthwhile wishes be with you throughout the New Year. I hope you will have three hundred and sixty-six days of unalloyed joy and happiness. May success attend your every worthy effort and achievement crown your labors. The memories of

yesterday are in your keeping; treasure them. Meet the duties of each day with a glad heart and brave resolve. The hopes of tomorrow are in the offing; be ready to meet them with a smile and a spirit of service. May the satisfaction of tasks well done go with you every hour." And before the new year was two days old he was gone, his cheery heart, worn in patient service, having pulsed its last. But the good memory of him remains and long will be cherished here. For more than thirty years Frank Haimbaugh had been perhaps more intimately than any other man in town a vital personal factor in Muncie and Delaware county. His many years of newspaper work here had familiarized him with the community and its people and traditions. At the time of his death he was serving in his eighth year as postmaster of Muncie, this latter period of service accentuating his close personal contact with community affairs, so that it properly may be said that no man in Delaware county had a wider acquaintance than he. Nor was this acquaintance confined to the county in which he long ago had chosen to make his home. His many years of active and useful service in behalf of the Travelers Protective Association had given him a nation-wide acquaintance among traveling men. Few men in Indiana had a more intimate acquaintance in newspaper and political circles than he. During the sessions of the Indiana General Assembly for the years 1889 and 1891 he served as chief doorkeeper of the House of Representatives and the political friendships then gained were lasting. In 1893 he was elected secretary of the Indiana State Democratic Editorial Association and by successive re-elections for years occupied that position, later serving as president of the association, thus becoming one of the best known newspaper men in Indiana. Ten years and more ago he rendered a couple of years of public service as a field examiner for the Indiana state board of accounts, a service which further extended his acquaintance throughout the state. For ten years he served as secretary of the Muncie Commercial Club (present Chamber of Commerce) and later for two years as president of that organization, the first president thus honored by a two-year term. Beginning in 1907 he served a term of four years as a member of the board of police commissioners for the city of Muncie and when the board of park commissioners was created here he was made one of the first members of that body. It is commonly conceded that the establishment of the normal school here was due more largely to his untiring and unremitting personal efforts than to any other factor that entered into that movement back in the '90s, and he served as a member of the board of trustees of the

normal and as secretary of the same until the board ceased to exist. During the time of this country's participation in the World war, in addition to carrying the extra burden of technical service automatically imposed upon the office of postmaster, he was asked to serve as Federal fuel administrator for Delaware county and this service he rendered with such fidelity that his work was cited by the state Federal fuel administrator for its special efficiency. It was in February, 1916, that Mr. Haimbaugh received his commission as postmaster at Muncie, a commission that was renewed at the end of four years for another four-year term and he thus was rounding out his eighth year of service in the local postoffice when his life's labors ceased, the best energies of his distinctive personality having been given to that important public service. During this period of service the Muncie postoffice became the supply office for five adjacent counties and the central accounting office for Delaware county. For thirty years Mr. Haimbaugh had been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. For many years he had been an active and forceful figure in the councils of the Travelers Protective Association in Indiana and for ten years was president of the local post of that association. He also was one of the organizers of the locally influential Exchange Club and was one of the early presidents of that body. He touched life on many angles and his vigorous personality made itself effective in many good ways. As the *Press* said, he "had become so much a part of the community, his life had become so wrapped up in that of the city, that it will seem strange to those having to do with public affairs not to be able to rely upon him in the future to do a man's share of the public's work." A worker and a student, public spirited and cosmopolitan in his view of life, Frank Haimbaugh counted the things that he did for his friends and the community he called his home as more worth while than self-centered selfishness or the plaudits of the thoughtless throng. It was his hope that he had learned the lesson of service and understood the creed of sacrifice and that he had been in a small measure helpful to his fellow man. It was his belief that men should learn to be heroes in peace in no less degree than heroes in war; that to each there is an appointed task and that to each will be given the guerdon of their sacrifice. Frank D. Haimbaugh was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, September 24, 1856, fourth in a family of six children, and was seven years of age when his parents, David and Margaret (Leonard) Haimbaugh, came with their family to Indiana in 1863 and settled on a farm in Fulton county. On that farm David Haimbaugh spent the remainder of his life, his

death occurring in 1898, a hardy tiller of the soil, he and his wife being God-fearing people, industrious, patient and honorable citizens, the kind of people to merit and command the respect of neighbors and friends. Frank Haimbaugh was wont to recall that the dearest memory of his mother was the fact that he never had heard her utter an uncomplimentary word concerning any one. Reared on that pioneer farm in Fulton county, Frank Haimbaugh completed his local schooling in the high school in the neighboring county town of Rochester and was graduated with the first class graduated from that school, that having been in the year 1878. Two years later he was graduated from the Northern Indiana Normal School (Valparaiso University). Meanwhile, he had been teaching school and upon leaving the normal school was made principal of the old village academy at Brookston, Ind., where he remained for four years or until his election, in 1885, to the office of county superintendent of schools of his home county (Fulton). For two years he served in that capacity and then took up life-insurance work, a vocation that occupied him a couple of years, or until in November, 1889, when he bought an interest in the *Miami County Sentinel* at Peru, Ind., and thus entered upon a career as a newspaper man that was to cover a considerable period of his life. In June, 1891, Mr. Haimbaugh disposed of his interest in the newspaper plant at Peru and moved to Muncie, where he purchased an interest in the *Herald,* as is set out elsewhere in this work. Upon the merger of that paper with the *Times* in 1905 to form the *Press,* he continued with the latter paper until in 1909, when he became engaged in the printing business and was thus engaged until in 1913, when he was appointed a field examiner for the state board of accounts and thus served until his appointment as postmaster at Muncie early in 1916. On May 14, 1890, at Warsaw, Ind., Frank D. Haimbaugh was united in marriage to Emma F. Elginfritz, of that city, who, together with their son, Paul A. Haimbaugh, survives him. There also are three surviving sisters, Mrs. Catherine McCarter, of Rochester, Ind.; Mrs. Arthur Lynch, of Chicago, and Mrs. Mary Fenstermaker, of Fulton, Ind. During the many years of Mr. Haimbaugh's newspaper work here, Mrs. Haimbaugh was a valued aid to her husband and did much writing for his papers. She has for years been an active factor in local woman's club work and during the recent time of war was a constant and valiant worker in the service of the Red Cross and also was Delaware county's official "war mother," a story of service that is told elsewhere in this work. Paul A. Haimbaugh, an alumnus of Indiana University, served in the

United States army during the late war from May 11, 1917, to April 2, 1919. A year and a half of this period was spent in France as a member of the American Expeditionary Force, serving with the 103d Field Artillery, 26th Division, and the 301st Battalion Tank Corps.

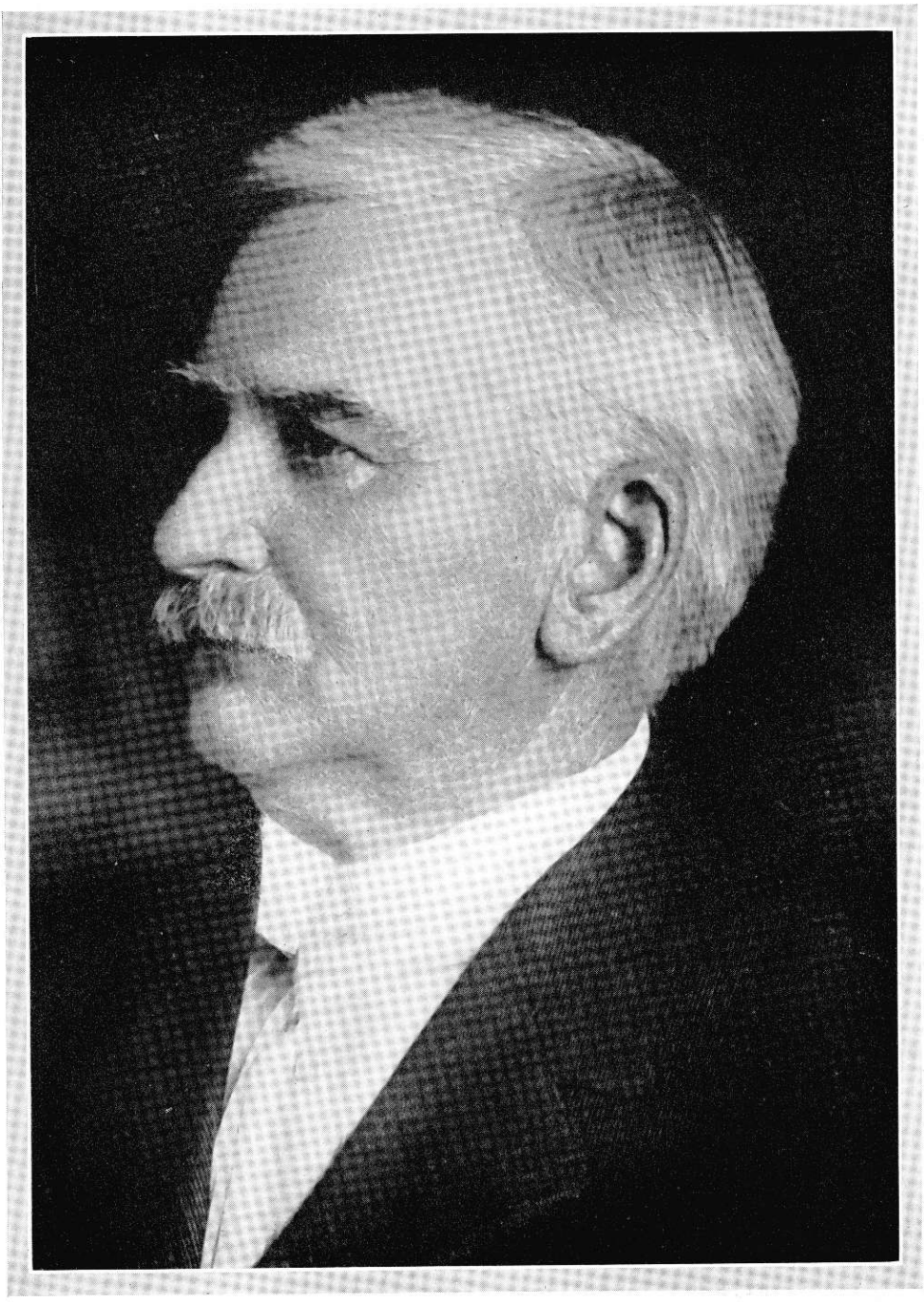
JACOB D. MILTENBERGER, former representative in the Indiana General Assembly from Delaware county, president of the Realtors Investment Company of Muncie, president of the Indiana Association of Local Insurance Agents, past president and present vice president of the Muncie Real Estate Board and for years engaged in the general real estate and insurance business at Muncie, a member of the firm of Miltenberger & Leffler, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Indiana and of Muncie for the past twenty years and more. Mr. Miltenberger was born at Franklin, in Warren county, Ohio, March 12, 1876, and is a son of George W. and Permelia M. (Dearth) Miltenberger, both of whom were born in that same county and whose last days were spent in Muncie. The late George W. Miltenberger was a son of Henry Miltenberger, a native of Pennsylvania, who became one of the pioneers of Warren county, Ohio, and Mrs. Permelia Miltenberger was a daughter of Jesse Dearth, who was born in that county and who was in his young manhood a music teacher, later becoming a farmer. He spent all his life in that county and lived to the great age of ninety-five years. George W. Miltenberger was for many years engaged in the mercantile business at Franklin and upon his retirement moved to Muncie, where he died in 1912, at the age of seventy-two years. His widow survived him until 1919, her death occurring when she was in her eighty-second year. They were the parents of four children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Mary Belle, who married L. A. Lawyer, of Muncie; Ella, deceased, and Ernest J. Miltenberger, of Muncie. Reared at Franklin, Ohio, Jacob D. Miltenberger received his schooling in the schools of that city and upon leaving the high school became engaged in newspaper work and for eight years published a newspaper there. On March 2, 1902, he located at Muncie and in association with Jerre Garrard became engaged in the real estate business. For several years Mr. Miltenberger maintained this form of association and then became associated in the same line with J. H. Leffler, former county clerk and present president of the Western Reserve Life Insurance Company, the firm since then doing a general real estate and insurance business under the name of Miltenberger & Leffler, with offices at 106 the Western Reserve Life building. Mr. Miltenberger is a stockholder and director in the

Western Reserve Life Insurance Company and is president of the Realtors Investment Company. In 1923 at the annual meeting of the Indiana Association of Local Insurance Agents he was elected president of that body. He is a past president of the local Fire Insurance Association and is the present vice president of the Muncie Real Estate Board and vice president of the Indiana State Real Estate Association. He is a York Rite (Knights Templar) and Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Miltenberger is a Republican and ever since taking up his residence in Muncie has made his presence felt in local political affairs. In 1916 he was elected to represent Delaware county in the lower house of the Indiana state legislature and was re-elected in 1918 and in 1920, thus serving three terms in the House, these including not only the three regular sessions of the Legislature during that period but the three special sessions which were found necessary during that period of special stress. Among the several measures of local importance which he was able to get through the Legislature was the one providing an appropriation for the taking over by the state of the old normal school plant at Muncie and the creation there of the Eastern Division of the Indiana State Normal School. Mr. Miltenberger has been twice married. In 1897 he married Maude Gable, of Middletown, Ohio, who died in 1916, leaving one child, a son, Mark D. Miltenberger, a veteran of the World war, who completed his schooling at Indiana University and is now engaged as a secretary to Congressman Albert H. Vestal of the Eighth Indiana district and "whip" of the House of Representatives at Washington. In 1917 Mr. Miltenberger married Mrs. Myrtle (Klapp) Downey, of Indianapolis, a granddaughter of the Rev. Henry Pritchard. Mr. and Mrs. Miltenberger are members of the First Presbyterian church.

THE REV. JOHN W. NICELY, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Muncie, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Shannon and Mary (Taylor) Nicely, both of Revolutionary stock and the former a veteran of the Civil war, who were the parents of three sons and one daughter. Doctor Nicely has a brother, Dr. William E. Nicely, a graduate of Princeton University and of the University of Pennsylvania, who is now engaged in medical practice at Waukausha, Wis. John W. Nicely completed his schooling at Wabash College and Princeton University, receiving his Bachelor and Master degrees from the latter institution, and

completed his theological course in McCormick Theological Seminary at Chicago. Hanover College awarded him his Doctor of Divinity degree in 1910. Upon leaving the seminary, Doctor Nicely entered upon work in the mission field and was for some years a teacher in the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut, Syria, professor of English and Political Economy. During his term of service in that interesting institution he served as treasurer of the college. He also gave a new turn to college athletics at this institution and it was he who instituted field day there. Upon his return from Beirut, Doctor Nicely became pastor of the Crerar Memorial Presbyterian church of Chicago. For eighteen years he rendered service in that relation, and then, in 1921, he was called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church at Muncie, where he since has resided, with residence at 332 East Adams street. This pastorate is in succession to that of the Rev. Benjamin M. Nyce, D. D., who is now living at Lincoln, Nebr. During the period of his service at Chicago, Doctor Nicely served as Moderator of that Presbytery, and also rendered service as chairman of several important committees of Presbytery. One of the committees of which he was a member had to do with the creation of a board for the establishment of a Home for the Aged, the operations of this board resulting in the erection of an institution for such purposes at a cost of half a million dollars. In 1898, at Indianapolis, Ind., the Rev. John W. Nicely was united in marriage to Helen Nesbit, daughter of James A. and Catherine (Boyd) Mount. The late James A. Mount, twenty-fifth Governor of the state of Indiana and a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, in 1843. He served as Governor of the state during the term 1897-1901 and died in the latter year, not long after his successor was inaugurated. Doctor and Mrs. Nicely have two sons, James Mount and Harold Elliott Nicely, both of whom were graduated from the University of Chicago. Harold Elliott Nicely is now a student in Princeton Theological Seminary. James M. Nicely, a veteran of the World war, followed his graduation from the University of Chicago by attendance at the Law School of Harvard University and was graduated from the latter institution in 1923. He was winner of the Sears Scholarship and president of the Harvard Law Review board. He now is serving as secretary to Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, of the Supreme Court of the United States. Harold E. Nicely, A. B. (University of Chicago), M. A. (Princeton University), after graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary, will study in Europe.

THEODORE F. ROSE, who died in the fall of 1919, president of the old Union National Bank of Muncie and for many years a leader in the general commercial and industrial activities of this community, was born in the village of Fairfield, in Franklin county, Indiana, December 18, 1848, and was a son of Samuel and Jane (Harris) Rose, both of whom were born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, but who were married in Indiana, their respective parents having settled in this state in pioneer days. Both the Rose and Harris families are of English descent, the former taking American descent from Robert Rose, who came to this country in 1634, and settled at Watertown, Mass. Reared at Fairfield, Theodore F. Rose completed his local schooling in the Brookville Academy and for two years was engaged in teaching school. He then entered the University of Indiana at Bloomington and in 1875 was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Science. During this period of schooling he had been giving close attention to the study of law and upon leaving the university came to Muncie to take a course of practical reading of law in the office of the late Judge Joseph S. Buckles, and in due time was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice of law at Muncie in partnership with the late Josiah E. Mellett. After his marriage in the spring of 1880 Mr. Rose established his home in Muncie, where he spent the remainder of his life. He thus was on the ground when a new impetus was given to all phases of development in Delaware county by the opening of the natural gas field here in the late '80s, and, as is set out elsewhere, he become one of the active factors in that development, his growing interests in a business way gradually taking him away from his law office until in the early '90s he retired from practice and thereafter gave his whole time to the varied interests with which he had become identified along the lines of development work. When the Muncie Natural Gas Company was organized Mr. Rose was elected president and general manager of that concern and he also became actively associated with the late George F. McCulloch and the late A. L. Johnson in the general real estate business; was actively identified with the affairs of the historic Citizens Enterprise Company back in the days of the height of the gas "boom," and was later president of the Muncie Industrial Association, an organization designed to promote the development of the city's manufacturing interests. In 1900 Mr. Rose was elected president of the old Union National Bank, in succession to C. A. Spilker, and continued to serve in that capacity until his death on September 6, 1919, a period of nineteen years, and was succeeded in that office



THEODORE F. ROSE

by his son, F. D. Rose. Not only was the late Theodore F. Rose active in the promotion of the general commercial and industrial interests of the town in which he had elected to make his home, but he was equally active and influential in helping to bring about a better standard in general community affairs. As a Republican he took a proper part in local political affairs and not long after entering upon the practice of law in Muncie was made deputy prosecuting attorney. He also served for some time as city attorney. Upon the organization of the Associated Charities at Muncie in 1899, he was elected president of that body and by successive re-elections served in that capacity until his death. He also was the chairman of the local chapter of the American Red Cross from the time of its organization until his death and during the period of this country's participation in the World war rendered valuable service in that behalf. For many years he was a member of the board of trustees of Indiana University and for some years was president of that board. He became a member of the board of trustees of the Muncie city schools in 1891 and in 1898 he succeeded Joseph A. Goddard as president of that board. His interest in the development of the schools and in the cause of modern school buildings was manifested in such a high degree that he remained active in this work until the erection of the Central high school building in 1914. For many years also he was the head of the public library board and was thus serving at the time the library building was erected in 1903. As a member of the old Commercial Club (the present Chamber of Commerce), Mr. Rose was for years an influential factor in that body and for some time served as president of the club. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian church, as is his widow, and for years served as a member of the board of trustees of that congregation. He was a Scottish Rite (32°) and York Rite Mason; a past eminent commander of the local commandery of Knights Templar. He was also affiliated with and for many years active in the work of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Twenty years and more ago when electric railway traction interests were beginning to be developed in Indiana, Mr. Rose took an active interest in such promotion plans and was one of the leading factors in the construction of the traction lines between Indianapolis and Connersville and between Indianapolis and Shelbyville. In 1905 he erected the Delaware hotel, southeast corner of Jackson and Mulberry streets, declared at that time to be "one of the most complete and modern hotel buildings in the state," and which remains one of the continuing monuments to his enterprise and public spirit. In many

ways Theodore F. Rose impressed his personality upon the development of this community and at his passing he left a good memory. It was in 1880 that Theodore F. Rose was united in marriage to Margaret I. Dodds, daughter of Dr. James F. Dodds, of Bloomington, Ind., and to that union was born one child, a son, Frederick Dodds Rose, now president of the Merchants Trust and Savings Company of Muncie and concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Rose has continued to make her home at Muncie and resides at 819 East Main street.

GEORGE D. ROBERTS, head of the Muncie Hotel Corporation, proprietors of the Hotel Roberts at Muncie, and also head of the company operating that hotel, is a European by birth but has been a resident of this country since he was thirty years of age and of Muncie for the past fifteen years and more. Mr. Roberts was born in Warklau, in the province of Regal, Russia, August 15, 1874, and is a son of Meyer and Ethel Roberts, both of whom also were born in that country, where all their lives were spent, and who were the parents of nine children, four sons and five daughters. Reared in his native town, George D. Roberts received such schooling as the limitations of his circumstances would permit and served his term in the Russian army, a period of service covering two years and eight months. When twenty-five years of age he married and five years later he and his wife and a daughter who meanwhile had been born to them came to the United States with a view to taking an entirely new start in life. They landed at the port of New York and it is typical of the determination Mr. Roberts had arrived at in connection with his ambitions to "make good" in the new country that he filed his formal application for citizenship papers on the day after he landed, and there never has been any variation in his stanch Americanism since that moment. Three weeks after their arrival in New York the Robertses went to Boston, where Mr. Roberts was employed for about eight months, at the end of which time, in 1905, he came out into Indiana and located at Alexandria, where he became engaged in a general salvage business and as he prospered in that line became interested in oil development projects. In 1908, with a view to securing a more advantageous location for the extension of these growing oil interests, he moved to Muncie and has ever since resided here. Mr. Roberts's oil operations covered a wide field, including not only the Indiana fields but those in Kentucky, Texas and Oklahoma, and he did well, later extending his activities to include some considerable real estate investments. In December, 1919, he

conceived the plan to erect in Muncie one of the finest hotels in Indiana and the Roberts Hotel with its two hundred guest rooms is the outcome of this plan. He organized the Muncie Hotel Corporation with himself as president and Alonzo C. Thornburg as vice president and manager, and Abram C. Lipsitz as secretary and treasurer, and the big hotel at the corner of Howard and High streets was erected in 1920 and was furnished and opened early in 1921. The hotel is now operated by the Muncie Hotel Operating Company, the officers of which are the same as above, Mr. Roberts being president both of the corporation and the company, the name of the hotel being a fitting testimonial to his energy and enterprise. The Robertses are affiliated with the congregation of the local Jewish temple and Mr. Roberts is a member of the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Modern Woodmen. It was in 1899, in Russia, that George D. Roberts was united in marriage to Sarah Plost, who also was born in that country, and to this union have been born four children, Fannie, who was born in Russia, and Louis, Bessie and Raymond, born in Indiana.

ARTHUR JAMES SMITH, superintendent of the Ft. Wayne division of the Nickle Plate railroad (Lake Erie & Western district), with headquarters at Muncie, was born near the pleasant village of Pine Village, in Warren county, Indiana, December 31, 1873, and is a son of James W. and Sarah E. (Farden) Smith, both of whom also were born in Indiana, members of pioneer families in the western part of the state. James W. Smith, a veteran of the Civil war and a farmer and carpenter, moved with his family from Pine Village to Montmorenci, in Tippecanoe county, in 1880, and has since resided in the latter village. Supplementing the schooling he received in the schools of Montmorenci by a course in a business college, Arthur J. Smith early became attracted to railroading and at the age of sixteen became engaged as a telegraph operator in the employ of the Lake Erie & Western Railroad Company, presently was advanced to the position of station agent and after valuable training along these lines at several different stations became employed in the survey department of the railroad. After two years of this latter form of employment he became connected with the bridge and building department and in 1914 was made roadmaster of the Middle Division of the road and on March 10, 1917, was promoted to the position of superintendent of the Ft. Wayne division, with headquarters at Muncie, where he has since made his home. On April 13, 1899, Arthur J. Smith was united in marriage to Jennie M. Hartman, of Tipton,

Ind., and to this union two children have been born, a daughter, C. Jeannette Smith, who is a teacher in the Central high school at Muncie, and a son, Frederick J. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church and are Republicans. Mr. Smith is a 33d-degree Mason and Knight Templar, also noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and is a member of the local Rotary Club and the Muncie Chamber of Commerce.

JAMES BOYCE, who died at his home in Muncie in the fall of 1910, left a good memory at his passing, for, as noted elsewhere in this work, he had been in his generation one of the leading factors in the development of the city's material interests. The first considerable manufacturer in the town, he became more than fifty years ago the largest employer of labor in the then awakening city and when the "gas boom" came on was in a position to take a leading part in the development which followed. Tireless activity marked his operations. An Irish immigrant boy, landing on the shores of this country with neither friends nor money, he kept pushing along. Despite "buffetings of fate" that would have daunted a less even tempered or less persistent man, he kept on in the even tenor of his way until in the summer of 1870, when he arrived in Muncie to start here an enterprise new to the town, he had $10,000, which is said to have been up to that time the largest individual capital brought into the town. With this as a nucleus of the fortune he later accumulated, he started his bagging mill and developed a concern which came to be recognized as one of the best in the whole flax industry in this country. Interest in other enterprises followed and he still kept pushing along. Ten years later, in 1880, it was written of him that "in the face of hardships and discouragements which would have broken the hearts of less determined men, Mr. Boyce has succeeded in life. He has a beautiful home, surrounded by luxuries well earned and gladdened by an intelligent and interesting family. As his wealth has accumulated he has employed it for good, and his many kindnesses to poor people will perpetuate his memory, in the flight of years, as a benefactor indeed. His enterprise and public spirit have gained him a high place in the business world, and his nobility of character has made him dear to the hearts of all who know him." That was written more than forty years ago and the prophecy contained therein has been fulfilled. His memory indeed has been perpetuated in the community, nor are the mere visible material monuments to this memory his best memo-

JAMES BOYCE

rials. Those are written on the hearts of the survivors of that generation which he served. Mr. Boyce was individually enterprising, even in the little things of life. His was a go-ahead spirit. He awakened the community to a need of "modern" things. It is recalled that it was he who brought to the town for his own use the first lawn mower ever seen here. It was he who installed in his home the first bath tub and the first steam heating plant in the town. It was he who put up the first "modern" business block in the town, the old Boyce block on Main street, erected in 1880. The sight of that then thoroughly "up-to-date" structure stimulated further building operations and the downtown section of the town began to wake up. Five years later the new court house was erected. A few years later the gas boom came on and then Mr. Boyce was in his element. A little story in an older review of the days of the beginning of the boom here will well illustrate this. It is written that "one of the results of the boom was to arouse the spirit of enterprise and nerve men to engage in undertakings which they would regard as impossible during ordinary times. One evening while the speculative fever and general enthusiasm were at their height a number of men were sitting in the Kirby House discussing various features of the boom. Among other things, one expressed his desire for a ground-floor office, something that could not be had anywhere in Muncie at that time. Several others were of like mind and said they would pay handsomely for such an advantage of location. In the group was James Boyce, who turned to the first speaker and asked how much he would pay for such a room. 'There is a lot and just in the right location,' pointing to the corner where the Commercial Club building now stands. One said he would give $60 a month for such a room, but that it was useless to discuss it, for no building was there and none could be put there as soon as needed. 'Gentlemen,' was Mr. Boyce's reply, 'if you will rent the rooms I will have a brick building there in a week's time.' It was in the nature of a wager and the business men hardly thought it possible for Boyce to fulfill his promise, though they were quite willing to accept their part of the bargain. It is indicative of the spirit and energy of the time that Mr. Boyce succeeded. On Monday, April 18 (1887), he contracted with D. C. Mitchell to erect on the corner of Main and Jefferson a one-story brick building, 96 feet front and 24 feet deep, six rooms, with plate glass windows, and all to be completed by the following Saturday evening. Here is a paragraph from the *News*: 'Building by gas light. One of the most novel sights ever witnessed in this town or any other was the work on the new Boyce build-

ing last evening. Ground was broken yesterday morning and this morning some of the walls are one story high. The workmen were at their places all night and by the aid of flaming gas torches are able to work as readily as they can in the day.' Saturday evening Mitchell turned over the keys of the completed building to Boyce. This was long known as 'Real Estate Row.'" This is illustrative of Mr. Boyce's direct methods; of his way of getting things done. It was he who built the first electric light plant in the town. That was in 1885, the year the court house was built. When the first commercial club was organized in the town, the old Muncie Board of Trade, in 1887, his was the first name on the roster of the incorporators. He had a high sense of initiative. He also took a proper interest in civic affairs, was a Republican and for some years rendered public service in the city council. He was equally expansive in his social relations, was a Freemason of high degree, having attained to the Mystic Shrine through the Scottish Rite (32°); had attained to all the degrees in Odd Fellowship, and was also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while he found religious comfort through his membership in St. John's Universalist church. He died at his home in Muncie on September 1, 1910, and is buried in Beech Grove cemetery. James Boyce was born in the near vicinity of the city of Belfast, Ireland, April 7, 1833, and was a son of Hugh and Margaret (Wilson) Boyce, both of whom also were born in that vicinity, of Scottish stock. His schooling continued until he was twelve years of age, when he was apprenticed to a linen manufacturer and for four years was thus employed, working twelve hours a day for the equivalent of 9 cents a day, but the basic knowledge of the linen and flax industry there acquired was later to stand him well in stead, for in time he built up a fortune on his knowledge of the trade. When he was fifteen years of age he was bereft by death of his mother and the care of his two sisters thereafter fell largely to his lot. That was in 1848, the dread "famine year" in Ireland, and the memories of the deprivations of that period were carried by Mr. Boyce to his grave. When he was seventeen years of age he was taken to France to help instruct boys in mills there in the linen trade and was kept there two years, at the end of which time he was returned to the Belfast mills. Two years later he returned to France as sub-foreman of a spinning mill and was working in that country when he attained his majority. Deciding then to give up his trade, he went to Havre with a view to enlisting for service on a British man-of-war, the Crimean war then being on. That was in 1854. Arriving at the dock he was persuaded

instead to ship "before the mast" as a sailor on a merchantman bound for New York, and it was thus that in the summer of 1854, with hardly a copper in his pocket, and with not a friend in this country to greet him, James Boyce arrived in America. His first work here was as a teamster on the construction work of the Erie canal, but presently he obtained employment in a flax mill at Little Falls, N. Y., and from there not long afterward went to Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, better employment in a flax mill there having been offered him. There on April 5, 1857, he married Eliza McKennett and then determined to go into business for himself. He took over a small water mill in the Cuyahoga Falls neighborhood and was getting a good start when a few weeks later his mill was destroyed by fire. Not being able to rebuild, he took employment in a mill at Newton Falls, Ohio, where he remained for about two years, at the end of which time, in the fall of 1859, he moved to Minnesota with a view to getting a new start in a new country, his destination being Shakoppee, in Scott county. There was nothing there for him to do and, leaving his wife and baby at Shakoppee, he took boat and went down the river to Greenville, Miss., where he became engaged on a dredging operation. With the money saved out of his wages—$350—he returned to Minnesota, bought a tract of eight acres of land and all the flax seed he could lay his hands on in the drug stores of St. Paul and Minneapolis and planted two acres to flax, said to have been the first field of flax raised in that state, which later became a leader in flax production. He also planted at Spring Lake, fifteen miles south of Shakoppee, a grove of walnut trees, the first trees of this variety in that region. By this time he was out of money again and he returned to Newton Falls, where he worked through the winter, earning enough to put up on his return to Minnesota in the spring a small horse-power scutching mill, set out twenty acres to flax, scutched the product of his first crop, matured his second crop and scutched it, with the result that he had a product ready for the market valued at something like $2,500. Before he could get this flax to market fire destroyed his warehouse and his dwelling, with contents, leaving him again stripped. In the next spring (April, 1865) his wife and one of the children, another child by this time having arrived in their home, died of typhoid fever. Through with Minnesota, he disposed of his little plot of ground and in June returned to Ohio, where at Alliance he secured an interest in a flax mill. Affairs prospered with him there and in the following winter he was able to secure control of the mill through purchase. Presently a better opportunity presented at Wooster and, selling his

mill at Alliance, he bought into a mill at Wooster and before long owned all the plant. Two years later fire again interrupted his efforts, the mill being destroyed with its contents, and with no insurance. Dauntlessly he rebuilt the mill and resumed operations, continuing there until in the spring of 1870, when he sold the place at a profit. It was then that he came to Muncie, the date of his arrival here being July 4, 1870. His operations here were successful from the start, though he from time to time suffered other fire losses, particularly in the fall of 1876, and it was not long until he became recognized as one of the most successful manufacturers in his line in the country. During his residence in Muncie, he invented machinery for use in the flax industry—shipping many of these machines to his native country. Other industries also were started by him, as has been told; a handle factory, a shoe factory, a rivet mill, a basket factory and the like, and long before the gas boom came on he had become one of the largest employers of labor in eastern Indiana. In 1910, at the age of seventy-seven years, Mr. Boyce arranged his affairs so that he could retire from his general activities, and his death followed in September of that year. Reference has been made above to Mr. Boyce's individual activities during the days of the natural gas "boom." In 1892 he laid out and built his manufacturing and residence suburb, Boyceton, on the east side of the river and gave to the Maring-Hart Glass Company a tract of ground for factory purposes as well as his individual check for $10,000 as an inducement to have the plant locate there. It also is agreed that his was the largest personal influence operating to bring about the location at Muncie of the Ball Bros. Glass Manufacturing Company, whose plant has been developed into the greatest manufactory of glass jars in the world. Mr. Boyce's love of trees was a continuing passion with him and it is agreed that to the stimulus of his influence and to his personal example in setting out shade trees along the streets is due much of the present beauty of Muncie's attractive streets. Mr. Boyce's influence in the flax industry was widely acknowledged. During the time of his operation of the flax mill at Muncie, he invented certain mechanical devices for the improvement of operations in this industry that came into wide use in the trade, many of his machines being shipped to the older mills of his native land. James Boyce was thrice married and was the father of thirteen children. The death of his first wife has been noted above. On January 7, 1866, at Alliance, Ohio, he married Mrs. Elizabeth Shaffer, who died at Muncie on April 18, 1875. On July 10 of that same year he married Margaret Mohler, who survives him and who is now a resident of Los Angeles, Cal.

O. HOWARD PERSHING, veteran seed merchant at Muncie and the oldest representative of the seed business in point of continuous service in Delaware county, has been a resident of Muncie since 1880 and thus has been a witness to and a participant in the amazing development which has marked this community since that date. Mr. Pershing was born at Rochester, the county seat of Fulton county, Indiana, April 18, 1852, and is a son of David R. and Sarah M. (Sellers) Pershing, the latter of whom was born in Preble county, Ohio, a member of one of the pioneer families of that county. The late David R. Pershing was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Daniel Pershing, who was born in that state and who spent all his life there. Daniel Pershing (Pfoerching) was a son of Frederick Pfoerching, an Alsatian emigrant of Huguenot stock, born in 1724, who came to the American colonies in 1749 and settled at Baltimore, where he married Elizabeth Myach, who was born in Germany in 1728 and who lived to be ninety-six years of age. In 1774 Frederick Pfoerching, whose children simplified the spelling of the family name to Pershing, moved from Baltimore to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and settled on a farm about fifty miles southeast of Pittsburgh, where he died four years later, and where his family is still represented. He and his wife were the parents of a considerable family, the descendants of which in the present generation are said to number about 7,000. This is the family from which descended Gen. John J. Pershing, general of the United States army and commander of the American Expeditionary Force in Europe during the time of this country's participation in the World war, and on September 8, 1923, on the old Pfoerching farm in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, there was dedicated a monument to the memory of the founder of this family in America, representatives of the family from all parts of the country being present. The Rev. Daniel Pershing, one of the sons of Frederick Pfoerching and grandfather of O. H. Pershing, was born in Maryland in 1764, and died in Pennsylvania in 1838. He married Christina Milliron, who was born in Pennsylvania, and had nine children, seven sons and four daughters. David R. Pershing, the fifth in order of birth of these children, was born in 1820 and as a young man came to Indiana and in Wabash county was married to Sarah M. Sellers. He afterward devoted himself to newspaper work and established the first newspaper published at Warsaw, this state, and also the first newspaper published at Rochester. Later and for some time he was editor of the Ft. Wayne *Gazette* and in 1875 came to Muncie and bought an interest

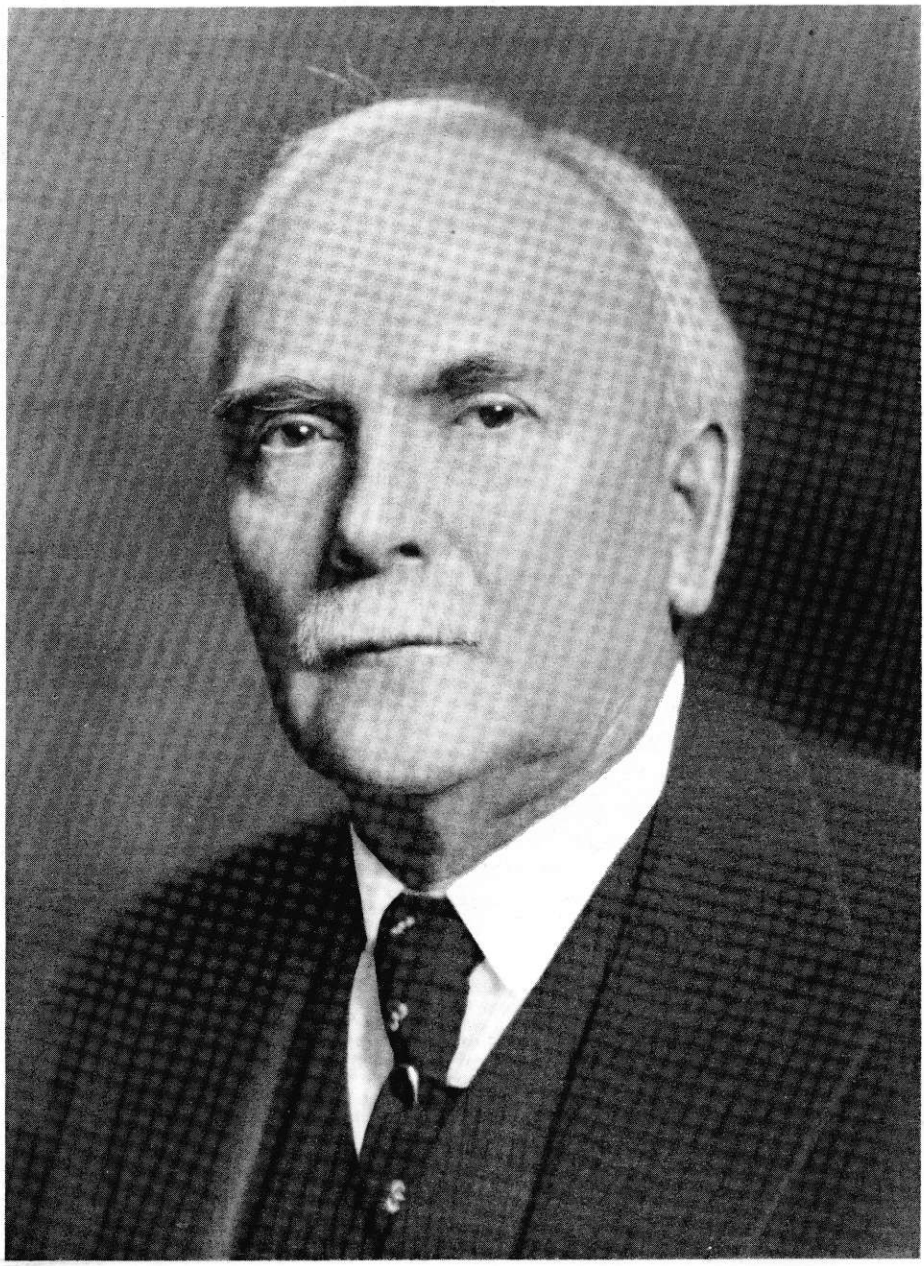
with Brady and Mellette in the Muncie *Times*. When in 1878 the plant of that newspaper was destroyed by fire Mr. Pershing retired from the newspaper business and was thereafter engaged in mercantile business at Muncie, a dealer in seeds and provisions. He was a Republican and during the time of his residence at Rochester had served as auditor of Fulton county. His last days were spent in Muncie, his death occurring there in 1889, he then being sixty-nine years of age. His wife died at the age of sixty-six. Of the children born to them five grew to maturity and of these but two are now living, O. H. Pershing having a brother, Marvin W. Pershing, formerly and for many years the proprietor of the Tipton (Ind.) *Advocate*, now living at Indianapolis, where for some years past he has been connected with the automobile registration department of the secretary of state's office. O. Howard Pershing was nine years of age when his parents moved from Rochester to Whitley county and thence after a time to Warsaw, in Kosciusko county. He thus received his schooling amid varying conditions and circumstances, but became well grounded in the essentials, his father being his chief mentor along scholastic lines, and for some years as a young man was engaged in teaching school, meanwhile becoming acquainted with commercial forms through practical mercantile experience. In 1880 Mr. Pershing responded to his father's call to come to Muncie and take charge of the grocery and seed store the latter had established there and he ever since has thus been engaged in the seed business, proprietor of the store since his father's death many years ago. It was in 1875 that O. Howard Pershing was united in marriage to Eva L. Lord, of the state of Wisconsin, and to this union three children were born, namely: Minnie C., wife of Charles W. Beecher, a banker, of Peru, Ind.; Ernest Howard Pershing, of Logansport, Ind., and Addie B., wife of Harry Heavenridge, of Muncie. Mr. and Mrs. Pershing are Republicans and are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Pershing is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias.

GEORGE E. DUNGAN, secretary of the Muncie Savings and Loan Company and former recorder of Delaware county, is a native son of this county, a member of a pioneer family, and has lived here all his life. Mr. Dungan was born in Muncie on July 5, 1850, and is a son of John W. and Edith (Dragoo) Dungan, the latter of whom was but a child when she came here with her parents from Virginia back in the middle '30s of the past century, the Dragoos having been among the pioneers in this county. She was born in Preston county, Virginia (now West Virginia), and was a daughter of William and

Elizabeth (Prunty) Dragoo, both of whom were members of Colonial families in Virginia. The late John W. Dungan, a former sheriff of Delaware county, was born in Fayette county, Indiana, June 2, 1824, and was a son of Benjamin and Margaret (Mitchell) Dungan, the former of whom was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, the son of John Dungan, who had come to this country from Ireland. Benjamin Dungan was married in Butler county, Ohio, and later became a pioneer farmer in Fayette county, this state, where he and his wife reared their family and spent the remainder of their lives, her death occurring in 1836 and his in 1855. They were the parents of ten children and thus the Dungan connection, of this family, in this generation is a considerable one. In 1842, when eighteen years of age, John W. Dungan left the home farm in Fayette county and came up here to the village which then was known as Muncietown. He got a job here in the pioneer smithy of Thomas S. Neely and after acquiring the trade opened a blacksmith shop of his own, locating the same on the corner now occupied by the Anthony building at Walnut and Jackson streets. In 1859 he was elected sheriff of Delaware county and was thus serving in that office when the Civil war broke out. Upon the expiration of this term of service he enlisted his services for army duty and thus served until his discharge at Indianapolis in May, 1865, the war then being over. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Dungan returned to Muncie and resumed his trade as a blacksmith and was thus engaged until in 1869, when he sold out and became engaged in selling agricultural implements and three years later became employed in the hardware store of Putnam & Kirby at Muncie. In 1877 he was again elected sheriff and served another four-year term in that office, meantime buying a farm just south of town. Upon leaving the sheriff's office he moved to this farm and there made his home until his retirement and return to the city, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1903. From the time of the organization of that party Mr. Dungan had been a working Republican and in addition to his service in the sheriff's office had rendered public service in other capacities, including three terms as assessor of Center township and service as street commissioner in the days when Muncie was just beginning to give some effective attention to the making of its streets. It was on October 18, 1848, in Muncie, that John W. Dungan was united in marriage to Edith Dragoo. To that union were born nine children, five of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Caroline, who married William Weeks, and Jessie F., who

married George Carmichael, and two brothers, Leonidas and Harry F. Dungan. Reared at Muncie, George E. Dungan received his schooling in the schools of that city and then went to Hartford City, where he served an apprenticeship to the harness-making trade, afterward returning to Muncie and here becoming engaged in the harness business. Four years later he became employed as a clerk in the Thomas H. Kirby grocery store and was thus engaged for four years, at the end of which time he bought that store and for six years thereafter was engaged in the grocery business on his own account. In the meantime he had been giving proper attention to local political affairs and in 1898 was elected county recorder. By re-election he served for eight years in that office and later, for three years, as president of the city board of works. In the meantime, almost twenty years ago, Mr. Dungan had become a member of the directorate of the Muncie Savings and Loan Company and in 1918 he was elected secretary of this institution, which position he since has occupied, with offices at the southeast corner of Adams and High streets. Mr. Dungan is a Republican, a York Rite Mason and a member of the local camp of the Sons of Veterans. George E. Dungan married Ida Kelly, daughter of Johial Kelly, of Muncie, and to this union five children have been born, namely: LaRue, who married Fred Jewett and has three children, Martha, George and Sarah; Arthur H., who married Pearl Davenport and has one child, LaRue; Ernest, who married and has three children, Elizabeth, John Ernest and Sarah Olive; Eva, who married J. C. Mansfield, and Ralph, who married Irene Sweet and has one child, a son, Ralph, Jr.

FRANK CLAYTON BALL, president of Ball Brothers Company, Muncie, was born in the village of Greensburg, Trumbull county, Ohio, November 24, 1857, and is a son of Lucius Stiles Ball and Maria P. (Bingham) Ball, who were the parents of eight children, six sons—Lucius L., William C., Edmund B., Frank C., George A., and Clinton H., and two daughters—Lucina A. and Frances May. An account of Mr. Ball's ancestry, early life and business career will be found in the biography of his brother, Edmund Burke Ball, presented elsewhere in this work. These two brothers are of nearly the same age and it is impossible to separate their activities from earliest childhood to the present day. Frank C. Ball and his four brothers have been very closely associated in all their many interests, outside of as well as in their business. They have taken an active interest in public affairs. They have contributed more than one million dollars to public institutions. Among some of the more important



are—the Indiana State Normal School (Ball Teacher's College), the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, Muncie City Hospital, Masonic Temple and Auditorium, Riley Hospital, Hillsdale College and Keuka College. Frank C. Ball, in addition to being president of Ball Brothers Company, is president of the Muncie Young Men's Christian Association, of the Muncie & Portland Traction Company and of the Muncie & Western Railroad Company; a director of the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago; the Indiana State Normal School; Keuka College, New York; the Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, and the Warner Gear Company, Muncie; is a Knight Templar Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the Universalist church. In 1893, at Muncie, Frank Clayton Ball was united in marriage to Elizabeth Wolfe Brady and to this union five children have been born, three daughters—Lucy, Margaret and Rosemary, and two sons—Edmund Arthur and Frank Elliott. Edmund Arthur Ball, a veteran of the World war and present (1924) commander of the Indiana Division of the American Legion and advanced to the rank of lieutenant colonel, who is associated with the operations of the Ball Brothers Company in an executive capacity and concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work, married Frances Davies and has two children, Arthur Brady and Barbara. Margaret Ball married Fred Petty and is now living in St. Louis. Mrs. Elizabeth Brady Ball was born at Muncie and is a daughter of Thomas J. and Emeline (Wolfe) Brady, the latter of whom was a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Elliott) Wolfe, who in their generation were large factors in the social and commercial development of the Muncie community. Adam Wolfe, who died in the spring of 1892, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1807, and was a son of John and Catherine (Devore) Wolfe, who in 1809 moved with their family to Ohio and settled in Coshocton county. He early became engaged in the mercantile business in Ohio, later extended his interests into Indiana and in 1855 located at Muncie, where he became successfully engaged in banking and merchandising. He and his wife were the parents of seven children. Thomas J. Brady, father of Mrs. Ball, was in his generation one of the best known men in Indiana. He was a son of John Brady, first mayor of the city of Muncie and concerning whom full and fitting mention is made elsewhere in this work, and was from the days of his boyhood an active factor in Muncie's affairs. Born in 1840, he had just come into his majority when the Civil war broke out. He at once enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and went out as captain of the first company of soldiers re-

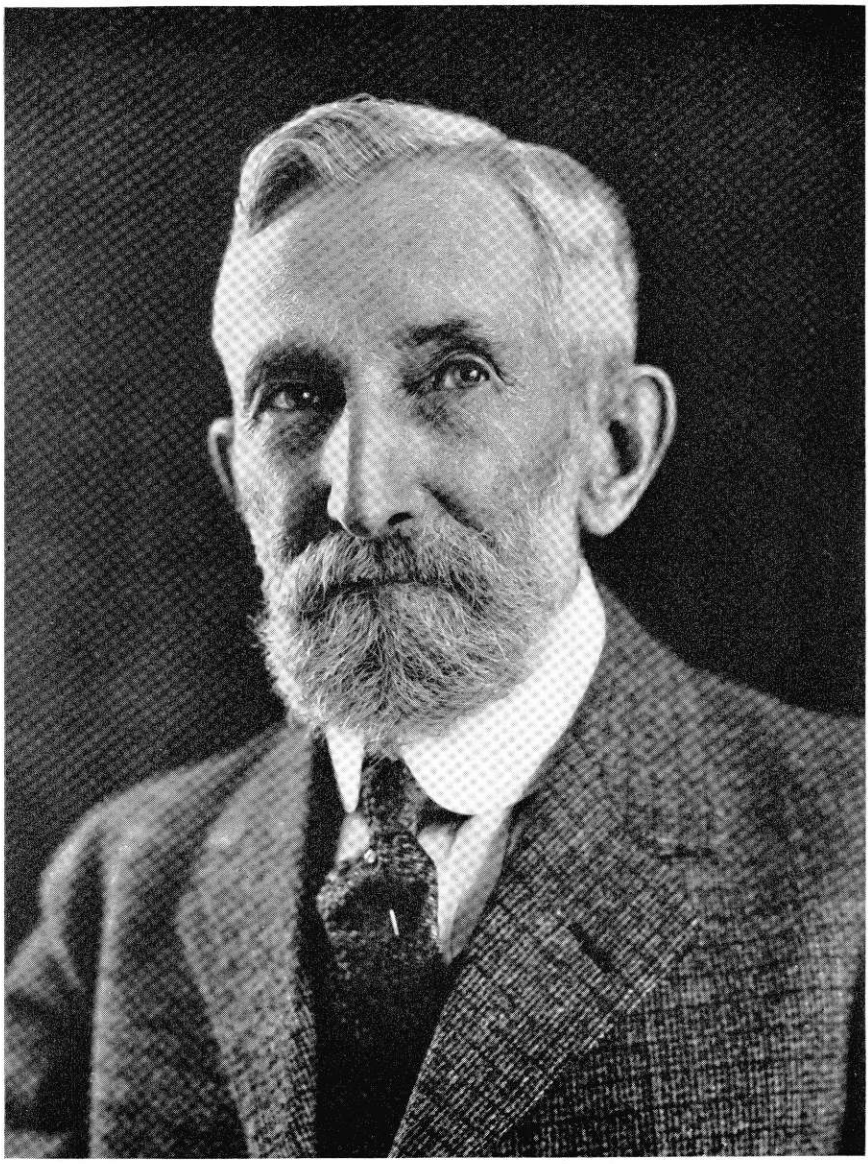
cruited in Muncie. In 1863 he was given a colonel's commission and continued his service until mustered out in July, 1865, the war then being over, and he was retired with the brevet rank of brigadier general. General Brady later became engaged in newspaper work at Muncie, and later was appointed assistant postmaster general under President Hayes and his last days were spent in the East. To him and his wife were born three children, Mrs. Ball, Arthur W. Brady, president of the Indiana Union Traction Company, and Mrs. John Otis Adams. Mr. Adams is one of the leading artists in the middle West. Mrs. Adams is also an artist of note and excels in painting still life.

WILFRED W. WINGATE, a veteran of the World war and president and general manager of the National Clay Products and Silo Company of Muncie, was born on a farm adjacent to the village of Albany, in Delaware township, this county, October 15, 1887, and is a son of Thomas M. and Sarah E. (Albright) Wingate, both of whom also are natives of Indiana and who are now living at Albany. Thomas M. Wingate is a son of James W. Wingate, former farmer and banker at Albany, who came to Indiana from Maryland in the days of his young manhood and who after his marriage settled on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Albany, in this county, where he reared a family of nine or ten children, the Wingate connection in the present generation thus being a considerable one. When "boom" times came on at Albany thirty years ago James W. Wingate became engaged in banking there and was president of the bank when he died at the age of eighty-seven. Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Albany, Wilfred W. Wingate received his schooling in the schools of that village and at Valparaiso University, and as a young man became engaged as assistant cashier in the Albany State Bank, a position he occupied for about two years, at the end of which time he became interested in the clay products line, taking employment in a factory engaged in that line and was thus employed for five years or until his entrance into army service in the summer of 1918. It was in August of that year that Mr. Wingate enlisted his services in the Engineer Corps of the United States Army and was assigned to duty at Washington Barracks, Washington, D. C., where he presently was advanced to the rank of regimental sergeant major and where he continued in service until his discharge in May, 1919, the war then being over. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Wingate returned home and in 1920, effected the organization and incorporation of the National Clay Products and Silo Company,

with plants at Brazil and Monroe, Ind., and offices at Muncie, the offices of the company being located in the Neely block. This company was organized for the purpose of manufacturing clay products, hollow building tile and silos a specialty, and has developed an extensive business, its area of distribution including not only Indiana but Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Missouri, western New York and Michigan. Mr. Wingate is president and general manager of this company, C. L. Frick is vice president, C. M. Turner second vice president, F. C. Pittenger secretary-treasurer, and C. C. Wingate assistant secretary-treasurer, these and O. R. Strong constituting the stockholders. Mr. Wingate is a member of the American Legion, is a 32-degree (Scottish Rite) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

FREDERICK B. TRACY, treasurer and manager of the Delaware Division of the Central Indiana Gas Company, with offices at Muncie, has been a resident of that city since August, 1911, when he was transferred from the office of the gas company at Little Rock, Ark., which is operated by the same interests as the Central Indiana Gas Company. Mr. Tracy was born in Elmwood, Ill., moving in early life to Peoria, Ill., where he received his schooling. He early became employed in office work, and in 1907 he became connected with the Dawes Bros. interests at Little Rock, and was serving as auditor in the gas office in that city in 1911, at which time he was transferred to the Muncie office of these same interests, operating under the name of the Central Indiana Gas Company. This company as noted elsewhere in this work, is engaged in the manufacture and distribution of gas in Muncie as well as in a number of cities and towns surrounding Muncie. Among the cities supplied with gas by this company beside Muncie, Riverside and Normal City are Anderson, Elwood, Marion, Alexandria, Fairmount and Hartford City. Mr. Tracy enjoys a wide acquaintance in public utility circles, and is a past president of the Indiana Gas Association. He is a Rotarian, Knight Templar (York Rite) Mason and Elk and has been treasurer of the Delaware Country Club for several years. In 1914 at Chicago, Ill., Frederick B. Tracy was united in marriage to Elizabeth F. Force, daughter of Merton H. and Elizabeth B. Force, of that city, and to this union two children have been born, a son, Frederick B. Tracy III, and a daughter, Elizabeth F. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy are members of Grace Episcopal church and Mr. Tracy is a member of the vestry and treasurer of that parish.

CHARLES HENRY CHURCH, cashier of the Delaware County National Bank of Muncie, treasurer of the Muncie Loan and Savings Company, a charter member and former president of the Indiana Bankers Association and long recognized as the dean of the bankers of Delaware county, the oldest continuing banker in the county, is a native of the old Empire state but has been a resident of Indiana and of Muncie for nearly forty years and has never had cause to regret the choice which brought him over here from Ohio back in the days when the discovery of natural gas here opened up a new field for development in this region. Mr. Church was born in the hamlet of Church Hollow, in Chenango county, New York, May 7, 1839, and was but three years of age when his mother died. His father, William Church, was a merchant and the postmaster of Church Hollow, served for some time as sheriff of Chenango county and also represented that district in the New York state legislature. His last days were spent in Orange county, New York. Reared in his home village, Charles H. Church completed his schooling in the academy there and early became identified with his father's mercantile enterprises. He was married in 1868 and three or four years later, in 1872, made his home at New London, Ohio, where he became engaged in merchandising and in the grain business, operating not only a general store but two grain elevators. He also in that year promoted the organization of the First National Bank of New London and was elected vice president and manager of the bank. For fifteen years Mr. Church continued in business at New London and then, early in 1887, attracted by the promising possibilities attending the opening of the natural gas field here about that time, he disposed of his interests at that place and moved to Muncie, where he aided in the organization of the Delaware County Bank and was elected cashier of that institution. Five years later when this bank was nationalized under the name of the Delaware County National Bank, Mr. Church was retained as cashier and by successive re-elections has continued to occupy that responsible position, his service in this connection thus covering a period of thirty-seven years. The old Delaware County Bank, a state bank capitalized at $50,000, received its charter on April 14, 1887, and two days later, April 16, opened for business in the room in the Willard block, northeast corner of Walnut and Main street, which it ever since has occupied. At the end of five years this bank's deposits aggregated a quarter of a million dollars and it then applied for a national bank charter, which it received in November, 1893, the charter number being 4809. Under this reorganization



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the bank increased its capital stock to $100,000, which later was increased to $300,000, the present capitalization of the bank, which now has resources aggregating right around $5,000,000. Mr. Church also was an active factor in the organization in 1889 of the Muncie Savings and Loan Company, one of the original directors of that concern, and was elected treasurer of the company upon its organization, a position he ever since has occupied. This concern has built more than 5,000 homes in Muncie and Delaware county and now has deposits of more than $1,500,000. When the movement to organize the Indiana Bankers Association had its inception in 1897 Mr. Church was one of the forceful factors in that organization and was the secretary of the initial meeting of the bankers held at Indianapolis in that year. He also was made a member of the committee on constitution and by-laws of the association and the constitution which he thus helped to frame is still in force with few amendments. In 1902 Mr. Church was elected president of the Indiana Bankers Association. In other ways he has been serviceable in this association which started out with a membership of forty and now has a membership of more than 1,000. When Mr. Church arrived in Muncie in the spring of 1887 the town had a population of around 8,000, as against its present population of around 40,000, and it is freely acknowledged that in this development he has been one of the most potent personal factors. Mr. Church cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860 and has ever been a consistent Republican. While still living in New York he became a charter member of the Masonic lodge organized in his home town and served the lodge as one of its first masters. Upon moving to New London he helped to organize a lodge of Freemasons there and was first master of the same. His interest in Masonry has been maintained during the long period of his residence in Muncie and for more than twenty years he has been treasurer of the local commandery, Knights Templar. For six consecutive years he also served as priest of the local chapter, Royal Arch Masons. In December, 1868, Charles H. Church was united in marriage to Louisa J. Tyler, who was born and reared at Norwalk, Ohio, daughter of Henry P. and Ann Tyler, and their golden wedding anniversary thus was celebrated in 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Church have two sons, William H. Church, who is engaged in the wholesale grocery business at Peru, Ind., and Ernest D. Church, who is engaged in the wholesale lumber and paint business at Denver, Colo. Though still physically hale and hearty and mentally as alert as ever, daily active in the banking business, Mr. Church realizes that

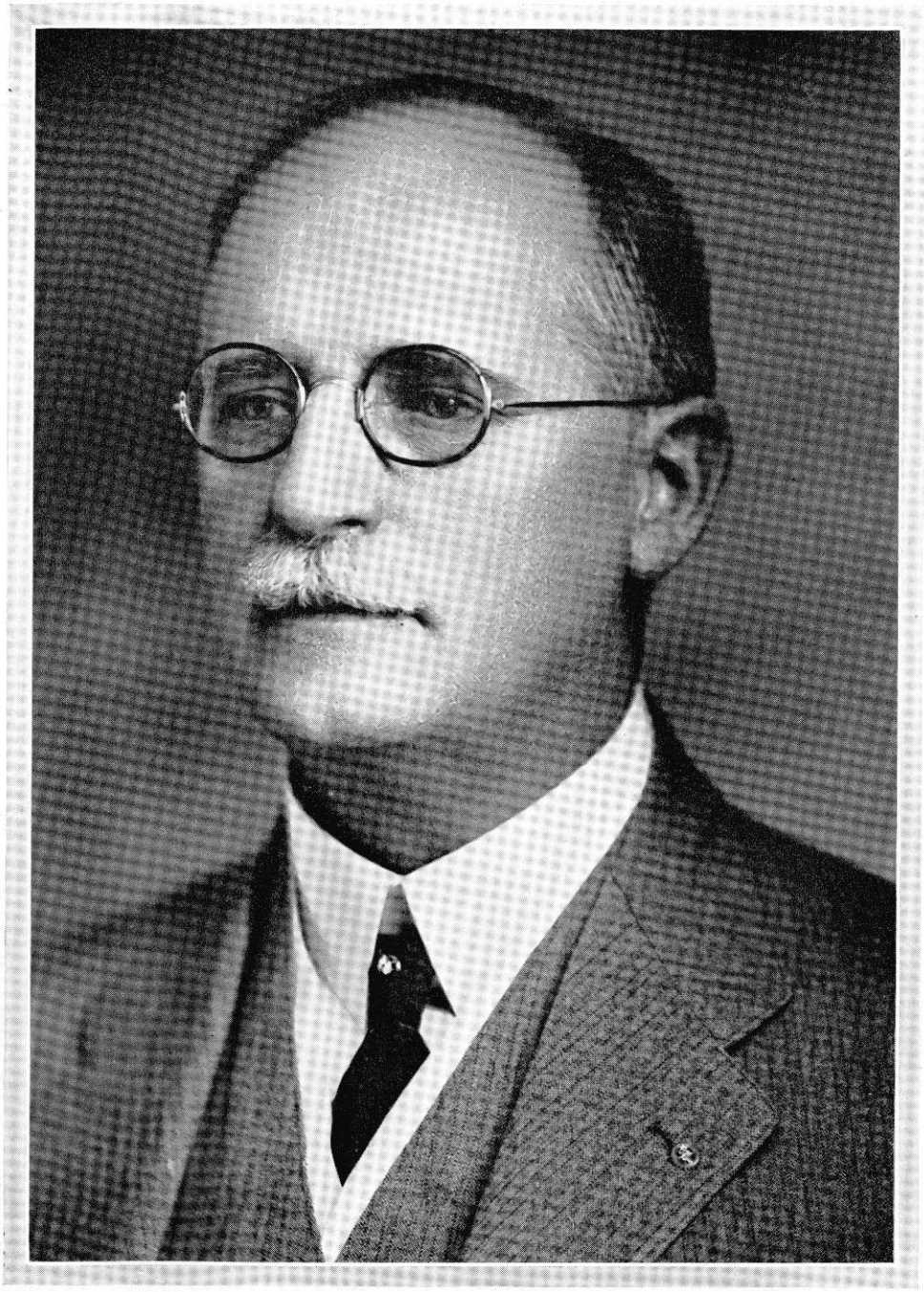
he is now living on "borrowed time," if one considers the traditional three-score years and ten as the allotted span of life. On May 7 of the current year (1924) he entered upon the eighty-sixth year of his life and the occasion was made one of many congratulatory and complimentary messages from friends in all walks of life.

CHARLES H. ELLIS, treasurer of the Citizens Finance Association of Muncie and a former banker of that city, now engaged in the flour and feed business there, was born in Muncie and has lived there the greater part of his life, active in civic and commercial affairs since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Ellis was born on May 31, 1879, and is a son of John S. and Sina E. (Rickard) Ellis, the latter of whom also was born in this county, April 20, 1842, a member of one of the pioneer families here. The late John Seymour Ellis, for many years one of the best known figures in the public life of Delaware county, was born in Knox county, Ohio, August 15, 1839, and was a son of Robert and Casander (Schweckard) Ellis, the latter of whom was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, in 1810, a daughter of John Schweckard. Robert Ellis was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, October 11, 1796, a son of William and Eleanor Ellis, the former of whom, a native of Montgomeryshire, Wales, was a soldier in the Continental army during the time of the Revolutionary war. Robert Ellis and Casander Schweckard were married in Licking county, Ohio, and later became residents of Knox county, that state, where they made their home, Robert Ellis following his vocation as a stone mason, until in 1849, when they moved with their family over into Indiana and established their home on a farm in Hamilton township, this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Robert Ellis's death occurring in December, 1864, and that of his widow in the year following, and both are buried in Beech Grove cemetery. John Seymour Ellis was ten years of age when he came to Delaware county with his parents in 1849 and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Hamilton township. He taught school for two terms, spending his vacations working as a carpenter, and then went West and was for a time employed on a big cattle ranch in Iowa. When twenty-one years of age he married and for three or four years thereafter was engaged in farming and carpentering, living just south of Muncie. He then moved into town and became employed in clerical work, for which his tastes inclined him, clerking in stores and also was for some time "on the road" as a commercial traveler. During the incumbency of John Eiler as postmaster of Muncie (1875-83) Mr. Ellis served as deputy postmaster

and it was during this time that he developed his taste for newspaper writing, which later occupied so much of his time, his first work being in Eiler's newspaper office. Upon leaving the postoffice he moved with his family to Columbus, Ohio, and it was during his residence in that city and his later residence in Detroit that he developed his fine specialty for public park improvement, attaining in those cities a record of important service along that line and also in the development of the great Palmer Park. Mr. Ellis was away from Muncie for more than fifteen years and upon his return here did much to promote the development of Muncie's park system. He resumed his former commercial activities upon his return here, worked for a while in the store of the Keller company and in the McNaughton department store and also kept up his newspaper writing, and it was in 1898 that he published his informative and illuminating little volume, "Our County; Its History and Early Development by Townships," a labor of love which is coming to be appreciated in the community more and more as the years pass. Mr. Ellis was elected justice of the peace about that time and rendered four years of service in that office. In 1902 he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners and by re-election served for four years in that important office, during which time he was elected vice president of the Indiana State Association of County Commissioners. Mr. Ellis's writings were not confined to the plain prose of newspaper expression but were carried out in the more graceful forms of poetry, much of which remains in enduring form, one of his works along this line being his "Songs of St. Matthew," a metrical paraphrase of the gospel of Matthew. He was a member of the Association of Western Writers and also was for years an active figure in the meetings of the Indiana State Editorial Association. His incidental newspaper work was kept up almost to the time of his death, which occurred at Muncie on July 5, 1912. John S. Ellis was twice married. On August 28, 1860, he was united in marriage to Sina E. Rickard, of this county, who died at Detroit, Mich., July 3, 1895, leaving two sons, the subject of this sketch and his brother, Fred M. Ellis, the latter of whom was born at Indianapolis on August 3, 1870. On December 17, 1896, John S. Ellis married Mrs. Millie (Barnes) Sanders, daughter of William Barnes, one of the pioneers of Muncietown, and widow of John F. Sanders, a Muncie lawyer. Charles H. Ellis was but a child when his parents left Muncie in the '80s and his schooling was received in the schools of Columbus, Ohio, and Detroit, Mich. When he returned with his father to Muncie in 1898, he then

being nineteen years of age, he began clerking in the C. P. Franklin grocery store. Not long afterward, however, he transferred his services to the F. W. Heath real estate agency and a year later began a period of service for the Keller-Bryce company, as clerk and collector. Two years later when the Delaware County Merchants Association and Credit Bureau was organized Mr. Ellis was elected secretary of that organization. Two years later, in 1904, he helped to organize the Peoples National Bank of Muncie and was elected first cashier of that institution. When four years later it was reorganized as the Peoples Trust Company he was elected vice president of this latter institution, and in this capacity he continued in the banking business until his resignation in 1916 to take up the business in which he is now engaged, proprietor of the flour, feed and seed store at 109 West Howard street. In 1917 Mr. Ellis helped organize the Citizens Finance Association of Muncie and has served as treasurer of that organization since the beginning. He is a Freemason into the cryptic degree (council), is a past worshipful master of Delaware lodge (No. 46) of that order and is present treasurer of the lodge. He is a Republican, as were his father and grandfather, and is a member of the First Presbyterian church. In 1906 Charles H. Ellis married Edith B. Blair, daughter of William A. Blair, and to that union were born two children, Robert and Dorothy. Mrs. Ellis died on March 13, 1923. The family home is at 719 East Charles street.

D. O. SKILLEN, general manager of the plant of the Muncie Products Company of Muncie, vice president of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce and in other ways actively identified with the commercial and industrial life of the community, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Indiana and of Delaware county for thirty years. Mr. Skillen was born at Sidney, Ohio, February 12, 1866, and is a son of William and Caroline (Rice) Skillen, both of whom were born in that same community, in Shelby county, Ohio. Capt. William Skillen, a veteran of the Civil war, was formerly and for years engaged in business at Sidney as a pension attorney. He rendered service as a soldier of the Union during the Civil war, going out with the 20th Ohio (Infantry), later to a heavy artillery regiment, and served for four years, gradually gaining promotion in the field from the rank of a private to that of a captain. At the battle of Millikin Bend he was wounded so severely as to physically handicap him the rest of his life. D. O. Skillen finished his schooling in the Sidney high school and then started out as a traveling salesman,



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at first covering an extensive route in the West and later being given territory covering Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana, and was thus engaged until in 1894 when he located at Yorktown, in this county, and there became engaged in the manufacture of glass fruit jars and bottles and was thus engaged there for years, or until the glass factory was destroyed by fire in 1918. In the meantime, in 1909, Mr. Skillen had become associated with H. L. Warner in the manufacture of automobile parts at Muncie, and thus became identified with the Warner interests, serving as secretary-treasurer and as vice-president of the company. In 1916 he was made treasurer of the T. W. Warner Company and was thus connected when that concern was sold to the General Motors Corporation in 1919. Upon this transfer Mr. Skillen became comptroller of the Muncie Division of the General Motors Corporation, and in 1921 was made general manager of this concern, operating as the Muncie Products Company, and has since been serving in that capacity. Mr. Skillen also is vice president of the Muncie Gear Works and is interested in the local real estate business, secretary of the Skillen-Moore-Sample Company, realtors at Muncie. The Muncie Products Company now employes better than 2,500 persons and its operations are continually expanding. This concern manufactures some part or another of all the automobiles which form the product of the great General Motors Corporation. Mr. Skillen is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and is a 32° (Scottish Rite) Mason. He is vice president of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce, is affiliated with the local Rotary Club and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Skillen, who was Effie Goodin, was born at Osgood, Ind., and is a daughter of Daniel A. and Dora (Wood) Goodin. Mr. and Mrs. Skillen reside on their farm west of Muncie.

OBED KILGORE, attorney at law and dealer in real estate at Muncie and chairman of the Delaware county Democratic central committee, was born at Anderson, Ind., in October, 1876, and is a son of Capt. David and Olive (Saunders) Kilgore, both members of pioneer families in this section of Indiana. The late Capt. David Kilgore was born on the old Kilgore home farm in Mt. Pleasant township, this county, and was a son of the Hon. David Kilgore, judge, congressman, banker, community builder and lawyer, concerning whom much is said elsewhere in this work and who was one of the most influential men of his generation in this section of Indiana. Judge Kilgore was a Kentuckian by birth, born in Harrison county in the old Blue Grass state, April 3, 1804, a son of Obed and Rebecca

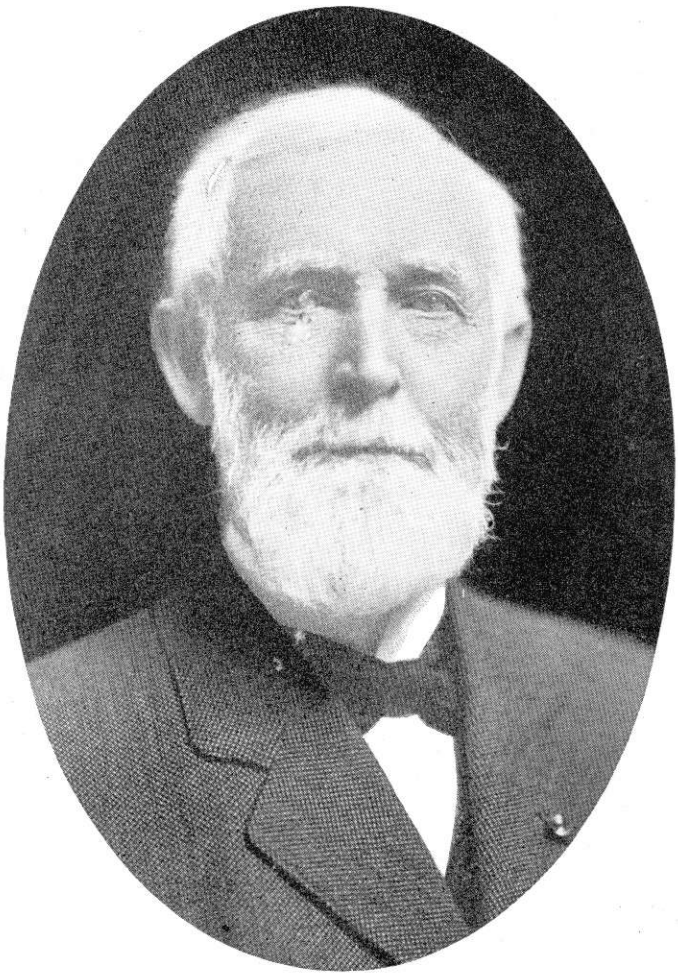
(Cusic) Kilgore, Pennsylvanians, who in 1819 came with their family into Indiana and settled in Franklin county, where Obed Kilgore died at the age of eighty-two years. Judge Kilgore "got his law" under the preceptorship of James B. Ray and John T. McKinney at Brookville and in 1830 came to Delaware county and entered a tract of land in Mt. Pleasant township. In the next year he married Mary G. VanMatre, daughter of Absalom VanMatre, one of the real pioneers of this county, and established his home on the tract he had entered from the government, and this he made his permanent residence. He straightway made his impress upon the pioneer community and in 1832 was sent to the Legislature from this district. In 1836 he was elected speaker of the House. In 1839 he was elected judge of the extensive circuit then constituting this judicial district. In 1850 he was elected delegate from this district to the state constitutional convention, was later elected to Congress, thus serving during the Buchanan administration, and in other ways rendered service in the public behalf which impressed his name indelibly upon the records of Indiana. Of the six sons born to David and Mary (VanMatre) Kilgore, four served as soldiers of the Union during the Civil war, with officer's commissions. Alfred Kilgore was a captain in the 36th Indiana, Dr. Tecumseh Kilgore was surgeon of the 13th Indiana, David Kilgore was a captain in the 19th Indiana and James Kilgore was a lieutenant in that same command. Capt. David Kilgore, fifth son of Judge David Kilgore, became a lawyer and after his marriage established his home at Anderson, county seat of the neighboring county of Madison, where he remained until his retirement from practice when he returned to the old home farm in this county and here spent his last days, his death occuring in 1916. Of the five children born to him and his wife, three are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mary Arlena, and a brother, Dr. Byron Kilgore, of Indianapolis. Reared at Anderson, Obed Kilgore was graduated from the high school there in 1897. He then entered Indiana University and after something more than three years of study there entered the Central Indiana Normal School at Danville and from this latter institution was graduated in 1902. Meanwhile he had been admitted to practice at the bar of the Madison circuit court and upon completing his college work located at Anderson, where he was engaged in law practice until his removal in 1918 to Muncie, where he since has been located, with offices at 257 the Johnson block in South Walnut street. Mr. Kilgore is a Democrat and is now serving as chairman of the Delaware county Democratic cen-

tral committee. He is a Freemason, a past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias, and is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In 1906 Obed Kilgore was united in marriage to Harriet M. Rummel, daughter of Benjamin Rummel, of Madison county. Mr. and Mrs. Kilgore reside at 701 University avenue. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

H. O. LANNING, principal of the Longfellow school at Muncie, has been active in school work since the days of his boyhood and thus has become a definite figure in local educational circles. Mr. Lanning was born in the village of Millgrove, in the neighboring county of Blackford, October 21, 1882, and is a son of William Jackson and Mary (Thorpe) Lanning, the latter of whom was born in Noble county, this state. William Jackson Lanning was born in Blackford county, a son of Robert Lanning, one of the pioneers of that county, who had settled there upon coming into Indiana from New Jersey, and he grew up in that county. After his marriage he became engaged in the mercantile business at Millgrove and was there located for years or until his removal to Sweetser, in the neighboring county of Grant, where he is now engaged in business, proprietor of a general store. For thirty years William Jackson Lanning was a school teacher in Blackford county. To him and his wife were born four sons, the subject of this sketch having three brothers, Karl, Hugh and Paul Lanning. Reared at Millgrove, H. O. Lanning completed the course in the high school there and in 1902 began teaching school, his first work in this line being in a district school in Jackson township in his home county. For five years Mr. Lanning continued teaching in the schools of Blackford county, meanwhile pursuing his studies in normal work, during the summers, and then spent two years in the normal school, graduating in 1909, after which he became a teacher in the high school at Rensselaer, Ind. In the following year he became principal of the consolidated school at Sweetser and was thus engaged for six years, or until in 1916, when he was given charge of the schools at Gaston, in this county, where he remained for three years, or until in 1919, when he was selected as principal of the Longfellow school at Muncie and has since been occupying that position. There are ten or twelve teachers connected with the staff of the Longfellow school and more than 350 pupils enrolled. Mr. Lanning is a Freemason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1914 H. O. Lanning was united in marriage to Edith Cranor, daughter of William McClellan Cranor,

of Wayne county, Indiana, and to this union two children have been born, Frank Cranor and Mary Florence. Mr. and Mrs. Lanning are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They reside at 401 Almeda avenue.

DR. G. W. H. KEMPER, dean of the medical profession at Muncie and a resident of that city for nearly seventy years, now living practically retired, spending much of his time in California, has been a voluminous writer on medical topics, is the historian of the Indiana State Medical Association and is emeritus professor of the History of Medicine in Indiana University. Doctor Kemper is a veteran of the Civil war with a record of more than three years of service in the army (7th and 17th regiments, Indiana Volunteer Infantry), is a past commander of Williams Post, No. 78, Grand Army of the Republic, at Muncie, and is a member of the Indiana Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. In a recent (December, 1923) article in the *Indiana Magazine of History*, writing under the head "My Childhood and Youth in the Early Days of Indiana," Doctor Kemper has made a valuable contribution to Indiana historical collections, preserving there much of interesting and informative detail, from personal recollection, of conditions in central Indiana during the '40s and '50s of the past century. In 1907 he rendered a valuable local service by acting as editorial sponsor for the publication of the Lewis Publishing Company's "Twentieth Century History of Delaware County," compiled by various local authorities, his special contribution in that behalf having been an authoritative chapter on the medical profession in this county. In the period 1879-85 Doctor Kemper served as treasurer of the Indiana State Medical Association and in 1887 was president of that association. He for years has been a lecturer on the history of medicine before classes of medical students and has written much along that line, these writings including more than fifty articles on medical topics for medical journals and medical societies. His first book (1897) was on the subject of "Uses of Suffering." This was followed in 1905 by "World's Anatomists" and in 1911 by "A Medical History of Indiana." Doctor Kemper was born in Richland township, in Rush county, Indiana, December 16, 1839, tenth in order of birth of a family of eleven children (four sons and seven daughters) born to Arthur S. and Patience (Bryant) Kemper, the latter of whom was born in Garrard county, Kentucky, in 1802, a daughter of John Bryant, a soldier of the Revo-



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lutionary war. Arthur S. Kemper also was born in Garrard county, Kentucky, in 1794, of Virginia parentage, and after his marriage made his home there until in 1834, when he came with his family up into Indiana and established his home in Rush county. In his recent autobiography above referred to, Doctor Kemper makes note that "my father was an ardent Whig and named me for General William Harrison. The nickname 'Tip' clung to me nearly as long as it did to the distinguished President." When he was seventeen years of age Doctor Kemper went West and at Montezuma, Iowa, learned the printer's trade. Three years later, in 1859, he returned to Indiana and began the study of medicine under local preceptorship at Greensburg. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted his services on the first call and went out with Company B of the 7th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers in the first month of the war. Upon the completion of that term of service he re-enlisted (September 25, 1861) and was appointed hospital steward in the 17th regiment (Indiana). On February 20, 1863, he was promoted to assistant surgeon of that regiment and thus served until the expiration of his term of service, July 27, 1864. He afterward carried on his medical studies in the University of Michigan and in Long Island Hospital, Brooklyn, and in June, 1865, was graduated from the latter institution. In the following August he opened an office for the practice of medicine at Muncie. In that same month he married and established his home here. He thus has been an influential factor in the life of this community for almost sixty years and no name in Delaware county is more widely known than his. The Doctor's wife (Harriet Kemper) died in the year before they would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Of the four children born to them, three are still living, a daughter, Mrs. Georgette K. Smith, and two sons, Dr. Arthur T. Kemper and Dr. William W. Kemper. In closing the autobiography above referred to as having appeared in a recent number of the *Indiana Magazine of History,* Doctor Kemper arrives at the conclusion that "my life has been one of industry, toil and activity; sometimes I have met with hardships and occasional privation, and yet my journey has mostly been through a sunny land. Surely goodness and mercy have ever been near me. The snows of eighty-four winters have whitened my locks, but my physical frame is fairly good considering my age."

THOMAS JOHN BREITWIESER, A. M., dean of the faculty and head of the department of psychology of the Eastern Division of the Indiana State Normal School at Muncie and a veteran of the World war, with an officer's commission, is a native son of Indiana and has been engaged in educational work in this state for nearly twenty years. Mr. Breitwieser was born on a farm in the vicinity of Jasper, in Dubois county, Indiana, September 19, 1886, and is a son of John C. and Katherine (Bates) Breitwieser, both of whom were born in that same county and who moved from there with their family to Tipton county in 1890, locating on a farm three and one-half miles west of Tipton. Thomas J. Breitwieser was thus four years of age when he became a resident of Tipton county, and his early schooling was received in the rural schools of that county. In 1905 he began teaching school and in 1908 received his B. S. degree from the Central Normal College at Danville, Ind. In 1912 he received his A. B. degree from the University of Indiana and in the next year from that same institution he received his degree of Master of Arts. This schooling was supplemented by a year and a half of post-graduate work in Columbia University. with special reference to the study of psychology. In 1908, Mr. Breitwieser was made the principal of the high school at Hobbs, in his home county, a position he occupied for two years, at the end of which time he entered the university. In 1914 he was made an assistant professor in psychology at the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute and was thus rendering service there when this country took a hand in the World war. In December, 1917, he entered the service of the army and was sent to Ft. McPherson, Atlanta, Ga., where in the following April he received a commission as a first lieutenant in the Sanitary Corps and was assigned to duty as a psychologist. From Ft. McPherson he was transferred to Ft. Oglethorpe at Chattanooga, Tenn., and two months later was transferred to Camp Shelby at Hattiesburg, Miss. In the following July he was sent to Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark., and in December following was made chief educational officer, in charge of reconstruction work there, the war then being ended. In March, 1919, he received his discharge and returned to his former duties at the normal school at Terre Haute, from which institution in the following July he was transferred to the Eastern Division of the State Normal School at Muncie, as head of the department of psychology of this latter institution, and has since been thus engaged, since January 1, 1920, dean of the school. Mr. Breitwieser is a member of the local post of the American Legion, a member of the Masonic

fraternity and of the Muncie Exchange Club and is affiliated with the honorary educational college fraternity, Phi Delta Kappa, organized at Indiana University in 1906. In 1916, at East Stroudsburg, Pa., Mr. Breitwieser was united in marriage to Anita VanVliet and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Edna Ruth.

JOHN FRAZER WARNER has been a resident of Muncie for more than twenty years and during that time has created for himself a very distinct position in the industrial life of the city. Mr. Warner was born at Shelbyville, Tenn., March 24, 1869, and is a son of Thomas William and Emma (Trail) Warner, both of whom also were born in Tennessee, members of pioneer families in that state. Thomas William Warner was for many years engaged in the mercantile business at Shelbyville, Tenn., proprietor of a general store there. John Frazer Warner received his schooling in the schools of his home town and when sixteen years of age, in 1885, went to Texas and was for six years there, most of this time being spent on the great Goodnight ranch. From there he went to Birmingham, Ala., where he became employed as the engineer of the electric light plant, but not long afterward returned to Tennessee and was variously employed there until in 1896 when he became connected with the operations of a bicycle factory in Cincinnati and later in the same line of work in Hamilton and was thus employed for two years or until his marriage in the fall of 1898, when he returned to Tennessee. In May, 1902, Mr. Warner came to Muncie, where in 1897 his brother, Thomas W. Warner, had become engaged in the manufacture of electrical specialties, and started a machine shop here. Ever since then Mr. Warner has been actively identified with the industrial and manufacturing interests of Muncie. Following the sale in 1919 of the T. W. Warner Company, manufacturers of automobile parts, to the Muncie Products Division of the General Motors Corporation, the present Warner Corporation was organized for the manufacture of automotive transmissions and steering gears, and in this organization John F. Warner was made second vice president, his brother, T. W. Warner, being president of the company, and he was actively connected with the operations of the big plant of the Warner Corporation at Batavia street and the Big Four tracks until in 1922. He continued his official connection with this concern, as vice president, until it was sold in September, 1923, to the Durant Motors Corporation. Mr. Warner is a Republican and is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. On November 9, 1898, in Tennessee, John F. Warner was united in marriage to Martha Ann Yancy, who

also was born in that state, April 6, 1871, and to this union two children have been born, a daughter, Ruth, and a son, Raymond Warner. Ruth Warner married Ralph Tyler, of Exeter, N. H., and is now living with her parents in Muncie. She has three children, Lois, Ralph and John Warner Tyler. The Warners reside at 1315 North Walnut street.

FRANK JAY CLAYPOOL, secretary-manager of the Delaware County Agricultural and Mechanical Society, secretary of the Eastern Indiana Live Stock Breeders' Association, formerly and for years secretary of the old Muncie Commercial Club, a long established realtor in the city of Muncie and in other ways prominently identified with local affairs, has been a resident of Delaware county for nearly forty-five years and during this period has impressed himself definitely upon the community of which he became a part in the days of his young manhood, this impress being particularly manifest on that phase of community evolution relating to agricultural development. Mr. Claypool was born in the picturesque and interesting old village of Germantown, now existing mainly as a memory of the older days, in Wayne county, Indiana, September 13, 1859, and is a son of Austin B. and Hannah Ann (Petty) Claypool, both members of pioneer families in that section of Indiana, the latter a daughter of William and Elizabeth (John) Petty. Austin Bingley Claypool was born at Connersville, Ind., December 1, 1823, and was a son of Newton and Mary (Kern) Claypool, the latter of whom was born in the valley of the Scioto in what is now Ross county, Ohio, February 3, 1798, in territorial days, five years and more before Ohio was admitted to statehood. There is a tradition that she was the first white child born in that section of the Scioto valley. Newton Claypool, whose influence in the development of the Connersville neighborhood is recognized to this day, was a Virginian, born in 1795, a son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Wilson) Claypool, both of colonial stock. In his youth he became acquainted with the Ohio country and then, in 1816, the year in which Indiana was admitted to statehood, he and his brother Solomon, vigorous and enterprising young men, came over into the new state and after prospecting around a bit decided to put in their lot with that of such other settlers as would, in their opinion, form a colony in the vicinity of John Conner's saw mill and trading post there on the White Water. That was the year in which Newton Claypool attained his majority. He secured a tract of land in the vicinity of the mill and set about the erection of a cabin for the reception of the girl to whom he had plighted his troth back

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in Ohio and then returned for her. In January, 1818, at her home in the vicinity of Chillicothe, Newton Claypool married Mary Kern and in the following month he and his bride came through on horseback to the home he had prepared in the Conner settlement. And thus it was that the Claypool family in Indiana was established at Connersville. Newton Claypool became one of the dominant factors in the development of the Connersville community. He was elected first treasurer of Fayette county and served his district in both the House and the Senate of the Indiana General Assembly, and in other useful ways did his part in the making of the community. In 1834 Newton Claypool bought the farm at the edge of Connersville for many years known as the old Claypool place but now and long since known as "Maplewood," which until her removal to Muncie was maintained by his granddaughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl. Newton Claypool died there on May 14, 1866, at the age of seventy years, eleven months and twenty-four days. His wife had preceded him to the grave less than two years, her death having occurred on August 16, 1864, she then having been at the age of sixty-six years, six months and thirteen days, and it has been written of them that "the memory of this honored pioneer couple is cherished wherever the history and the traditions of Fayette county are held dear." To this pioneer couple were born nine children, of whom five grew to maturity, Sarah Ann, Austin Bingley, Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Jefferson and Edward Fay Claypool. Austin Bingley Claypool grew to manhood at Connersville and early began to take an active part in the general affairs of the community. On May 20, 1846, he then being in his twenty-third year, he married Hannah Ann Petty and for some time thereafter made his home at Germantown. During the time of his residence in Wayne county he carried out a contract for the construction of the National road through that county and while master of the lodge of Freemasons at Cambridge City he directed the erection of the Masonic temple at that place, in its day the most pretentious edifice of its sort in eastern Indiana. In 1861 he returned to Connersville and thereafter made his home at "Maplewood," becoming the largest landowner in Fayette county. He there became engaged in the banking business, president of the First National Bank of Connersville, and during the stressful days of the Civil war was one of Governor Morton's active agents in the financing of Indiana's war burden. He later extended his banking interest to Muncie and during the '70s and '80s was the head of the Muncie Bank, locally known as the Claypool bank, which retired from the field in 1886. He also

had considerable manufacturing interests and gave much attention to the breeding of better strains of live stock and to the general improvement of agricultural conditions, long a member of the state board of agriculture and a member of the board of trustees of Purdue University. Austin B. Claypool died on January 16, 1906, he then being eighty-two years of age. A distinct honor was paid to his memory by the Connersville city schools during the time of the funeral service by having each teacher devote one period to a review of his life and character. His widow survived him until January 18, 1913, she being eighty-five years of age at the time of her death. Of the eight children born to this couple four are still living, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Virginia, widow of Henry Clay Meredith, of Wayne county, and Elizabeth, widow of Morrell J. Earl, and a brother, Marcus S. Claypool, agriculturalist and stockman and former banker, who has been a resident of Muncie since 1872 with the exception of a few years during the '80s spent in mining in Colorado. In 1880 Marcus S. Claypool married Elizabeth Burson, daughter of John W. Burson, the pioneer banker of Muncie. He was graduated from old Asbury (now DePauw) University. For sixteen years he served as a member of the Indiana State Board of Agriculture and was at one time president of that body. Mrs. Virginia Claypool Meredith, a member of the board of trustees of Purdue University, and the first woman to serve on that board, was graduated from Glendale College, near Cincinnati, in 1866. In April of that same year she married Henry Clay Meredith, who became proprietor of the formerly famous "Oakland Farm" adjoining Cambridge City, and after her husband's death in 1882 she continued the management of this stock farm. She became connected with extension work in agriculture when it was first undertaken by the State Board of Agriculture and later by Purdue University, and as a speaker at farmers' institutes visited almost every county in the state. In 1897 she was invited to undertake the organization of a course of study in home economics for young women in the school of agriculture of the University of Minnesota and she spent six winters engaged in this work in Minnesota, meanwhile making contacts with the developing activities of women and speaking at meetings and conventions in most of the states of the middle West. In 1890 Mrs. Meredith was appointed from Indiana to membership on the board of lady managers of the Columbian Exposition which was held at Chicago in the summer of 1893, her work there being mainly connected with the selection and appointment of women judges of award,

and when by special act Congress authorized a Committee on Awards, Mrs. Meredith was made chairman of this committee, which issued about 25,000 diplomas. Mrs. Meredith has been a constant contributor for many years to the agricultural press of the country. In 1921 she was appointed a trustee of Purdue University, the growth of the school of home economics in the university having made it fitting that women should be represented on the board. She is honorary president of the Indiana Federation of Woman's Clubs and a member of the Society of Indiana Pioneers and numerous other organizations. Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, president of the Public Library Commission of Indiana and for many years one of the most influential figures in the cultural and feminist activities of this state, has been making her home at Muncie for some years past or since giving up her old home, "Maplewood," at Connersville, where she had lived since the death of her husband, Morrell J. Earl—a young merchant of Lafayette—in 1879. In numerous ways, from time to time, Mrs. Earl has been honored by the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. She was chairman of the committee that secured the passage of the bill creating the Public Library Commission of Indiana in 1899 and was appointed by Governor Mount the woman member of the commission thus created and has ever since been retained on that commission, present president of the same. She is a member of the American Library Association, past president of the League of Library Commissions as well as of the Indiana Library Association and of the Indiana Library Trustees Association, and is also a past president of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs. Frank Jay Claypool was but two years of age when his parents moved from Germantown (now Pershing) to Connersville and he grew up on the old Claypool home place, "Maplewood," his local schooling being supplemented by attendance at the Chickering Institute at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1879. In the following year he came to Delaware county, where his elder brother had located some years before, and became engaged in farming about two miles east of Muncie. Two years later he married and established his home here, remaining on the farm until in 1892 when he moved to Muncie and became engaged in the real estate business, a line which he ever since has followed, with present offices in the Anthony block, though never giving up his interests in the farm. In fact, the extension of the agricultural interests of the community has been Mr. Claypool's chief concern for many years, though he has from time to time maintained a variety of additional interests, one of which was a part ownership

with the Heath brothers, back in the '90s, of the Muncie *Morning News*. It was during the time of this ownership that Mr. Claypool bought the first linotype machine brought to Muncie. During the days of the natural gas "boom" Mr. Claypool was an active and influential factor in the industrial development of the town. He was a member of the directorate of the famous old Citizens Enterprise Company that raised and disbursed a $200,000 fund for the promotion of factory sites and also assisted in the organization of the Economy Co-operative Gas Company of Muncie and was for years secretary of the same. In 1894 he assisted in the organization of the Muncie Commercial Club (now the Chamber of Commerce) and was the first secretary of the same. In 1898, when the United States took over the administration of affairs in Porto Rico, Mr. Claypool was appointed by President McKinley to assist in the reconstruction of the insular postal service and during that period of public service was located at Mayaguez. During the period of this nation's participation in the World war Mr. Claypool did his part in the promotion of local war activities, a considerable portion of which naturally centered in the Commercial Club, of which he at that time was secretary. He brought about the organization of the Muncie chapter of the American Red Cross and served as secretary of the chapter during the period of its war activities, and also served as chairman of the farmers war production committee for this county. Many years ago, during the time of the activity of the old Delaware County Horticultural Society, Mr. Claypool was secretary and afterward president of that society. When the farmers' co-operative movement began to develop back in the latter part of the '80s Mr. Claypool identified himself with that movement and became county and state secretary and afterward national secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association, an organization that at one time had no fewer than 67,000 members in Indiana, and during the period of this service he published at Muncie *The Farmers' Record,* the official organ of the association, as is set out elsewhere in this work. It was in 1887 that Mr. Claypool became officially connected with the Delaware County Agricultural and Mechanical Society as a member of the directorate of that body and he ever since has been actively identified with this society, thus having been for nearly forty years one of the chief promoters of the annual Muncie fair, as also is set out elsewhere, together with much interesting detail relating to this society. For several years Mr. Claypool served as general superintendent of the society and for the past ten years has been its secretary-

manager, developing the fair along educational lines until it now ranks among the best agricultural fairs in the Midwest country. Mr. Claypool also assisted in organizing and was the secretary of the first farmers institute held in Delaware county. He is a Freemason of forty years standing. On January 24, 1882, Frank Jay Claypool was united in marriage to Luella Swiggett, who was born at Cambridge City, Ind., daughter of Levin and Hester Ann (Owen) Swiggett, the latter of whom was a daughter of Thaddeus and Abigail (Elliott) Owen, the former a native of Wales and the latter a daughter of Dr. John Elliott, of Henry county, Indiana. Levin Swiggett was born at Seaford, Del., and as a young man came to Indiana, locating at Cambridge City, where in 1852 he married Hester Ann Owen and established his home. He was a clothing merchant and became quite successful in business there. Mr. and Mrs. Claypool have two children, a daughter, Mrs. Virginia C. Miller, and a son, Austin B. Claypool II, and one grandson, Robert T. Miller, Jr. Dr. Robert T. Miller, a dental surgeon at Muncie, resides at 611 East Washington street. The Claypool residence is at 624 East Adams street. Austin B. Claypool II completed his schooling in the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn. In 1908 he moved to Alberta, Canada, and became interested in ranching and the breeding of purebred Hereford cattle. In 1911 he married Elma Quick, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Quick, of Muncie. He is now serving as a member of the House of Parliament of Alberta and resides on a ranch in the vicinity of Swalwell in the province of Alberta.

CARL H. SMITH, purchasing agent and assistant treasurer of the Hemingray Glass Company of Muncie, was born at Covington, Ky., December 25, 1889, and is a son of George F. Smith, a veteran carriage manufacturer at Cincinnati, Ohio, and Alma A. Smith, of Newport, Ky. Mr. Smith, after graduating from Woodward high school at Cincinnati, completed the law course at the McDonald Educational Institute in that city and was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1912. He practiced law in Cincinnati until in October, 1917, when he was enlisted in the 330th Infantry, stationed at Camp Sherman, Ohio. He was regimental sergeant-major of the 330th Infantry when that unit embarked for France and sailed with it on June 12, 1918. In France, Mr. Smith was commissioned a second lieutenant, his service thereafter being with the 59th and 104th Infantry regiments, and he continued in service overseas until the return of the 104th on the ship "Mt. Vernon" on April 5, 1919. Upon the completion of his military service, Mr. Smith was engaged in the automobile business at

Cincinnati in association with his brother until in September, 1919, when he entered upon his present position with the Hemingray Glass Company and moved to Muncie, where he has since made his home. On September 12, 1917, Mr. Smith was united in marriage at Cincinnati to Helen E. Barton, who was born and reared in that city, daughter of Frank C. and Minnie I. Barton, and to this union two daughters have been born, Winifred Frances and Helen Elaine. Mr. Smith and his family reside at 420 East Charles street.

FRANK D. CONYERS, assistant cashier of the Merchants National Bank of Muncie, with which institution he has been connected for more than twenty years, thus being one of the best known bankers in Delaware county, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Muncie since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Conyers was born in the historic old hamlet of Fairview, just over the line in Randolph county, June 14, 1869, and is a son of John L. and Armina (Kelley) Conyers, the latter of whom was born in Ohio and came to Indiana when a young girl. John L. Conyers was born in Indiana, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and was for fifteen years a teacher in the schools of Randolph county and had a wide acquaintance there. He also was for years engaged in the mercantile business, at Fairview and Ridgeville, and his last days were spent in this county, his death occurring at Albany in 1885. To him and his wife were born eight children, one of whom died in infancy and seven of whom grew to maturity, the subject of this sketch being the eldest of these and the others being Alonzo, Bert, Harry, Wilbur, Charles and Nettie and Elam (deceased). As the eldest son, though but sixteen years of age when his father died, Frank D. Conyers early started out to make a living for himself and to help in the family maintenance. His schooling was cut short, his last school work being done in the Farmland schools, and he began to work out as a farm hand. This did not prove satisfactory and not long afterward he began clerking in a grocery store at Albany. He presently bought a restaurant in that village but six months later sold the same and resumed his former place in the grocery store. Then he came to Muncie and began working in a bakery, learning the baker's trade and continuing in that line until in 1893 when he transferred his connection to the J. H. Williamson feed and flour store, becoming a bookkeeper there. He remained with the Williamson establishment until in 1902, when he became engaged as a bookkeeper in the old Merchants National Bank and in time became one of the directors of that institution. Presently Mr. Conyers was pro-

moted to the position of teller in the bank and in 1910 was advanced to the position of second assistant cashier. In due time he was advanced to the position of assistant cashier and has since been serving the bank in that capacity. Mr. Conyers is a Freemason and has attained to the cryptic degree or council of Royal and Select Masters and is treasurer of Muncie lodge, No. 433, F. and A. M. He also is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Conyers is a member of the official board of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church and for more than seventeen years has been secretary of the Sunday school of that congregation. In 1902 Frank D. Conyers married Hattie Sayre, daughter of Jeremiah Sayre, of Delaware county. In 1923 Mr. Conyers went to California where he purchased a home in Whittier. Owing to Mrs. Conyers' ill health she is living in California at present in their new home, and Mr. Conyers is living at the Y. M. C. A.

GEORGE M. REED, local agent for the American Railway Express at Muncie, has been a resident of that city for the past twenty-five years and is one of the oldest express agents in continuous service in this part of Indiana. Mr. Reed is a Missourian, born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Jackson, Mo., August 15, 1863, and is a son of Milton H. and Margaret Reed, both of whom were also born in that state and whose last days were spent there. Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Jackson, George M. Reed received his schooling in the schools of that city and remained on the home farm until he was twenty-six years of age, when (in 1890) he became employed as the local agent for the old American Express Company at Hillsboro, Ill. Seven months later he was transferred to the office of this company at Paris, Ill., and there remained as agent for the company until in 1898, when he was made agent for the company at Muncie, where he ever since has resided. Mr. Reed continued to act as the agent for the American Express Company until under the stress of war conditions in 1918 the express companies were consolidated and he then was made local agent for these consolidated agencies, the American Railway Express, and has since continued to serve in that capacity, with offices at 701 South High street. Mr. Reed is a Knight Templar (York Rite) Mason, a member of the local Rotary Club and an "independent" Republican. In 1891 George M. Reed was united in marriage to Savannah Henry, daughter of Patrick Henry, of Hillsboro, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Reed reside at 527 South Council street.

FREDERICK DODDS ROSE, president of the Merchants Trust and Savings Company of Muncie and since his youth actively identified with the banking interests of Muncie, was born in that city and has lived there all his life. Mr. Rose was born on September 12, 1882, and is the son and only child of Theodore F. and Margaret (Dodds) Rose, concerning whom further and fitting mention is made elsewhere in this work. Reared at Muncie, Frederick Dodds Rose was graduated from the Muncie high school in 1900 and then took two years of study at Indiana University in preparation for entrance in Harvard University, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1906 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During his school vacations Mr. Rose received his initial banking training in the old Union National Bank of Muncie, of which his father was president and which was a consolidation effected in 1895 of the Citizens National Bank and the Farmers National Bank, this service beginning in the summer of 1900, when he was but seventeen years of age. Upon his return from Harvard he re-entered the bank and in 1907 was made assistant cashier of the institution, continuing thus employed until his advancement to the post of cashier in 1912, and was thus serving when in 1918, during the time of this country's participation in the World war, he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Ordnance Department of the army. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Rose returned to the bank and following his father's death in the fall of 1919 was elected president of the bank. Upon the consolidation on January 26, 1920, of the Union National Bank, the Merchants National Bank and the Muncie Trust Company (organized in 1901) and the Merchants Trust and Savings Company (organized in 1919), the merged interests taking the name of the last named institution, Mr. Rose was elected president of the reorganized trust company and vice president of the Merchants National Bank and has continued to serve in these capacities. The new Merchants Trust and Savings Company adopted the location so long occupied by the old Union National Bank at the corner of Walnut and Jackson streets, where it is now located. The new banking company opened with deposits of a little more than $500,000 and this has been increased in four years to more than $1,250,000, the resources of the company during the same period also having been increased more than $1,000,000. The scope of the activities of this company has been greatly extended since the merger of the several interests represented in the same, these including not only a general banking and fiduciary relation to the community which it

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serves, but active insurance and real estate departments. In addition to the executive position he occupies as head of the Merchants Trust and Savings Company, Mr. Rose also is vice president of the Merchants National Bank of Muncie, treasurer and a member of the directorate of the Muncie Wheel Company and a director of the Warner Gear Company, the Indianapolis & Cincinnati Traction Company, the Indiana Foundry Corporation and the Sterling Fire Insurance Company. He is a member of the Muncie Rotary Club, president of the Social Service Bureau and treasurer of the board of governors of the Muncie Home Hospital Company and for many years a director of the Muncie Young Men's Christian Association, also vice president and director of the Delaware Country Club. He is an active member and past president of the Muncie Advertising Club, also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. In connection with local war work during the late war, Mr. Rose served as vice chairman of the two Red Cross drives, the two Y. M. C. A. drives, and the United War Work drive, as well as being active in various capacities on all the Liberty Loan campaigns and serving as vice chairman for Delaware county for the sale of all United States Certificate of Indebtedness issues. He is a member and treasurer of the Building fund of Delaware Post, No. 19, American Legion. Mr. Rose is a vestryman of Grace Episcopal church and a member of the bishop's cabinet for the diocese of Indianapolis, heading the financial department of that body. He is a member of Muncie Commandery, No. 18, Knights Templar, a 32 degree (Scottish Rite) Mason and a member of the Shrine. Politically he has always been identified with the Republican party. On October 23, 1907, Frederick Dodds Rose married Gladys Walcott of Indianapolis and to this union there have been born three sons, Theodore F., Walcott and Stuart W. Rose. The Rose's home, "Burlingbrook," is in Center township, four miles southeast of Muncie in the Old Town Hill neighborhood.

DR. EARLE S. GREEN, chief of staff of the Muncie Home Hospital, former president of the Delaware-Blackford Medical Society, a veteran of the World war with a major commission and a record of overseas service and a practicing physician of more than fifteen years standing in Indiana, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of a family which has been represented in the medical annals of this county for three generations, for his grandfather was a physician in the days of the pioneers and his father was for many years one of the leading physicians of the county, long established in prac-

tice at Muncie. Doctor Green was born in the village of Royerton, four miles north of Muncie, in Hamilton township, May 3, 1883, and is a son of Dr. George R. and Mary E. (Monroe) Green, the latter of whom was born in Xenia, Ohio, daughter of Hugh and Jemima (Steel) Monroe, the former a native of Scotland and the latter a member of the influential Steel family which has been represented in the Xenia neighborhood for more than a hundred years. The late Dr. George R. Green, who for years was one of the recognized leaders of the medical profession in Muncie, was born in Hamilton township, this county, November 15, 1851, and was a son of Dr. Andrew J. and Amasia (Johnson) Green, the latter of whom was born in North Carolina, a daughter of James Johnson, who became one of the pioneers of Wayne county, Indiana. Dr. Andrew J. Green was born in Athens county, Ohio, and was but a lad when his parents, William Green and wife, came into Indiana with their family and became pioneers of Niles township in this county, settling in the Granville neighborhood. William Green was a New Yorker by birth and had followed the immigration stream west into Ohio and thence into Indiana. He and his wife were among the organizers of the Granville Christian (Disciples) church in 1835 and were influential pioneers of that section of the county. Their son Andrew grew up there and became one of the best schooled men in that community. For years he taught school, meanwhile studying both medicine and theology, and became not only a minister of the Christian church but a physician. After his marriage he settled in what later came to be the Royerton neighborhood in Hamilton township, where he developed a farm and preached and practiced medicine until his death in 1885. His widow long survived him and her last days were spent in Muncie. Dr. George R. Green, son of this pioneer couple, was reared in Hamilton township. His common schooling was completed in the schools of Muncie and he was for three years thereafter engaged in teaching school, meantime reading law and studying medicine under his father's preceptorship, and was thus prepared for college. In 1877 he was graduated from the old College of Physicians and Surgeons at Indianapolis, followed this by a post-graduate course in the New York Polyclinic and later received an honorary degree from the Indiana Medical College. The Doctor began his practice among his old home friends at Royerton and remained there until in 1885, when he moved to Muncie, where he established himself in practice and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1920. In 1878, the year following his graduation from medical college, Dr.

George R. Green was united in marriage to Mary E. Monroe and to this union three children were born, the subject of this sketch, the second in order of birth, having a sister, Bessie K., wife of William L. Wininger, pharmacist, of Muncie, and a brother, Dr. Dwight M. Green, who was graduated from Rush Medical College and is now practicing medicine at Los Angeles, Cal. Dr. Earle S. Green was but two years old when his father located at Muncie in 1885 and he thus was reared in this city. He was graduated from the Muncie high school in 1902 and in that same year entered Purdue University, following a year of study there by a year in DePauw University and then, in 1903, entered the Medical College of Indiana, from which institution he was graduated in 1907, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During the following year (1907-8) Doctor Green served as acting assistant surgeon of the United States public health and marine hospital service at the tuberculosis sanatorium at Ft. Stanton, New Mexico. In the spring of 1908 he married and established himself in practice in Muncie. Years ago Doctor Green became interested in the service of the Indiana National Guard and upon his return from Ft. Stanton he was appointed a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the Guard; later was promoted to the rank of captain and then to a major commission, being attached at different periods of service to the 3d infantry, Indiana National Guard, Field Hospital, Field Artillery Battalion, Field Signal Battalion and 2nd regiment, infantry. In 1914 he was graduated from the Field Service School for medical officers at the Army Service Schools at Ft. Leavenworth, and was attached to the service of the 2nd regiment, infantry, of the Indiana National Guard when in June, 1916, that command was ordered out for duty and federalized for action on the Mexican border, and he served as major surgeon of that organization while at Llano Grande, Texas, in the lower Rio Grande valley. During this tour of nine months duty, on orders from headquarters of the Department of the South, Major Green conducted field schools for all medical officers in the Brownsville district, at Llano Grande, San Benito, Brownsville and Point Isabelle. In March, 1917, after thirty days release from federal service, he again was ordered to active duty with the Indiana National Guard, guarding against threatened labor trouble in the Calumet district of northern Indiana and for eight months thereafter was on duty in that connection, serving in the dual capacity of surgeon and field officer. In the meanwhile this country had taken a hand in the World war and in the latter part of 1917 Major Green was ordered, with the command to which he was

attached, to proceed to Camp Shelby (Miss.) to join the 38th Division (infantry) of the national army. The Major was assigned to duty at the headquarters of the 38th Division as division sanitary inspector and with this command, in September, 1918, sailed for overseas service. During this period of foreign service Major Green functioned as acting division surgeon and division sanitary inspector until after the armistice in November, when the division was utilized as a replacement organization. Upon his return to the United States in February, 1919, he was ordered to proceed to the Letterman General Hospital at Presidio, San Francisco, where he presently received his honorable discharge from federal service and in June of that year returned to Muncie and resumed his medical practice after an interruption of practically three years spent in the service of the United States army, and has since been engaged in practice here, with offices in the Western Reserve Life building, 124 West Jackson street. The Doctor still is retained as a major in the Medical Reserve Corps of the army. In 1923 he was appointed chief of staff of the Muncie Home Hospital. In 1920 he served as president of the Delaware-Blackford (county) Medical Society. Since 1919 he has served in the capacity of associate medical director of the Western Reserve Life Insurance Company of Muncie. He is a charter member of the Muncie Academy of Medicine, is a member of the district and state medical associations and is also affiliated with the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. Doctor Green is a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, his local affiliation with Freemasonry carrying through the capitular (chapter, Royal Arch Masons) and the cryptic (council, Royal and Select Masters) degrees and the commandery, Knights Templar, and he is the vice president of the Delaware County Scottish Rite Club. His blue lodge connection is with Muncie lodge, No. 433, F. & A. M. He is a member of the college fraternity of Delta Kappa Epsilon, is a charter member of the Muncie Kiwanis Club, of which he is now vice president, and is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. On May 27, 1908, at Muncie, Dr. Earle S. Green was united in marriage to Mary Kinert, who was born in the vicinity of Bluffton, Ind., daughter of William and Louisa T. Kinert, who years ago became residents of Muncie, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Mary Louise. Doctor Green and his family reside at 223 North Elm street.

DR. ROLLIN H. BUNCH, former mayor of the city of Muncie and for twenty years a medical practitioner here, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. Doctor Bunch was born in the old settlement of Sharon (Desoto) on the Mississinewa in Delaware township, December 12, 1881, and is a son of Dr. Robert A. and Mary A. (Bair) Bunch, the latter of whom died in the summer of 1906. The late Dr. Robert A. Bunch, who for many years was a practicing physician at Muncie, was born at Portland, in the neighboring county of Jay, October 28, 1852, and was a son of Ishmael and Margaret (Bishop) Bunch, the latter of whom was born in Greene county, Ohio. Ishmael Bunch was born in South Carolina, a son of William Bunch, who had come to this country from France and who rendered service as a soldier during the time of the War of 1812. William Bunch's last days were spent in Indiana and he was eighty-nine years of age at the time of his death. Ishmael Bunch died in Jay county in 1865. He was the father of five children, of whom Robert A. was the second in order of birth. Robert A. Bunch supplemented the schooling received in the public schools at Portland by a course in old Libre College at that place and by a course in the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, and was for eight years engaged in teaching school in his home county. Meantime he was pursuing his medical studies under local preceptorship at Portland and in time entered the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1881. Doctor Bunch was for a time engaged in practice at Geneva and at Portland and then located at Desoto (old Sharon), in this county, where he remained until his removal in 1889 to Muncie, where he spent the remainder of his life in practice, his death occurring in 1912, his three sons, Rollin H., Frederick L. and Morrell McKenzie Bunch, meantime all having become physicians. The elder Doctor Bunch also had a daughter, Bessie G., who married Walter J. Lotz, a Muncie attorney. Rollin H. Bunch was eight years of age when his parents moved to Muncie. After three years of high school he entered Culver Military Academy and after a year there entered the Bennett Medical College at Chicago (American College of Physicians and Surgeons) and in 1904 was graduated from that institution, valedictorian of his class. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Bunch returned to Muncie and became associated with his father in the practice of medicine, continuing thus associated until his father's death in 1912. He then became associated in practice with his brother, Dr. Frederick L. Bunch, and since the death of the latter in 1921 has been practicing alone, with present

offices at 201 the Johnson block. Doctor Bunch is a member of the college fraternity Tau Alpha Epsilon and is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a Republican and served as mayor of the city of Muncie from 1914 until his resignation on December 1, 1919. Doctor Bunch married Ruth Racer, daughter of Thomas Racer, and he and his wife reside at 122 South Elm street. They are members of the Episcopal church.

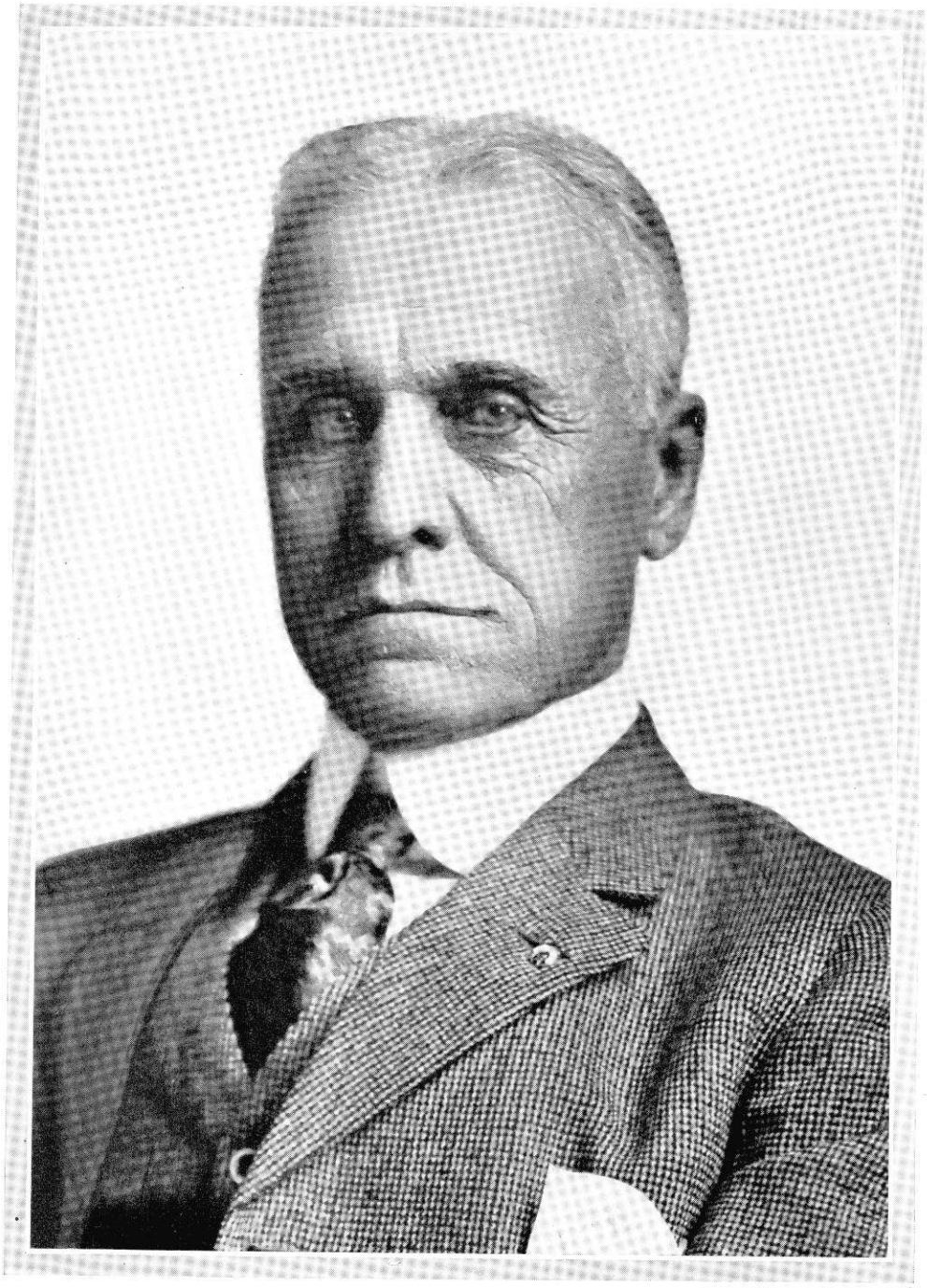
HARRIS E. HOWELL, better known among his friends as "Harrie" Howell, formerly and for many years a mercantile clerk at Muncie and now engaged in the coal business there, is a Pennsylvanian by birth but has been a resident of Muncie for more than thirty years and thus very properly feels that he "belongs" here. Mr. Howell was born on a farm in Greene county, Pennsylvania, February 12, 1870, and is a son of Abraham Ashbrook and Helen (Mar) Howell, both of whom were born in that same state. Abraham Ashbrook Howell left the farm in the early '70s and moved to Fairmount, W. Va., where he became engaged in the mercantile business, a line which he followed until his retirement when past seventy years of age, moving from Fairmount to Colfax and thence to Flemington, W. Va. He lived to be past ninety-two years of age. Harrie Howell was but a child when his parents moved to Fairmount and he received his schooling in the schools of that city. When thirteen years of age he began his mercantile career as a store clerk at Astor, W. Va., and was there for four years, or until in 1887, when he went to Clarksburg, W. Va., and was there engaged as a clerk until in 1892, when he came to Muncie, being attracted by the "boom" that then was on here in consequence of the development following the opening of the natural gas field hereabout, and he ever since has been a resident of Muncie. Upon his arrival here Mr. Howell secured employment as a clerk in the Klein cloak house. For twenty-four years he continued as a clerk in that establishment, thus becoming one of the best known figures in the retail trade of Delaware county, this connection continuing until in 1917, when he left the store with which he had for nearly a quarter of a century been connected and branched out "on his own hook," setting up in the coal business as a jobber. In 1922 Mr. Howell found that his business was assuming such proportions that better facilities for handling his trade were required and he then established his present coal yard at Hoyt avenue and Council street, where he is well equipped for all demands made in his line, both as a wholesaler and a retailer of coal. Mr. Howell is a Republican of "independent" leanings and is a member of the local lodges of

the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Loyal Order of Moose. Harrie Howell married Cecile Gillette and he and his wife reside at 602 West Adams street.

EDWARD HUMBERT, purchasing agent for the Warner Gear Company of Muncie and for nearly fifteen years a resident of Muncie, was borne at Delphi, in Carroll county, Indiana, November 29, 1868, and is a son of Josiah and Mary Ellen (Sonnanstine) Humbert, both of whom were born in the vicinity of Massillon, in Stark county, Ohio, and who came to Indiana after their marriage. Josiah Humbert, who served for three years as a soldier of the Union during the Civil war, was a farmer. After a some time residence in Carroll county he moved to Huntington county and became a landowner and farmer in the vicinity of Huntington. He and his wife were the parents of six children. Edward Humbert received his schooling in the Huntington schools and for some time as a young man continued on the farm with his father. He then took service as timekeeper and distributor of railroad material in the railroad office at Huntington and after awhile was advanced to the master mechanic's office, in charge of the distribution of material for two divisions of the road. With the experience thus acquired he was given charge of stores and of the shipping and receiving department of the American Locomotive Works at Pittsburgh and after a while was transferred to the plant of the same company at Schenectady, N. Y., being there given charge of local stores and the shipping and receiving department. From that plant he was transferred to the automobile department of the American Locomotive Company at Providence, R. I., in charge there of stores and in and out products, and continued with that concern until in 1909 when he took his present position as purchasing agent for the Warner Gear Company at Muncie and has since been in charge of the purchasing department of that concern, making his home at Muncie. Mr. Humbert is a member of the National Association of Purchasing Agents, with headquarters at Indianapolis. He is affiliated with the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and with the Muncie Exchange Club and is a Freemason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Edward Humbert has been twice married. In 1898, at Huntington, Ind., he was united in marriage to Pearl Lowmaster, who was born in Ohio and who was but a child when she came to Indiana with her parents, the family locating at Huntington, and to that union two daughters were born, Laura Ellen and Esther Pearl, the former of whom married Rodney D. Craig and is now living at Los Angeles, Cal. Mrs. Pearl Humbert died in

1905 and on November 11, 1911, Mr. Humbert married Judith May Lister, who was born in the vicinity of the village of Lynn in the neighboring county of Randolph on May 11, 1885, a daughter of William L. and Ella (Heaston) Lister. Mr. and Mrs. Humbert are members of the Friends Memorial church. They reside at 525 West North street.

ABBOTT L. JOHNSON was one of the potent individual factors in the development of Muncie at the time this city entered upon its new or "modern" era of progress following the opening of the natural gas fields hereabout in the late '80s and from that time until the day of his recent death had ever kept the interests of Muncie uppermost in his heart and in his endeavors. It therefore is but fitting that in this definite history of the community in which his labors were so long and so effectively directed there should be carried some tribute to the good memory he left at his passing. Mr. Johnson was a native of New York state and was reared in Ohio, but had been a resident of Indiana from the time of attaining his majority, a period of fifty years. The endeavors of his maturity thus were carried on here and in the fruition of those endeavors this community has greatly profited. Mr. Johnson was born in Herkimer county, New York, August 26, 1852, and was twelve years of age when in 1864 his parents, Henry I. and Eliza (Ferguson) Johnson, moved from there to Ashtabula, Ohio, where he grew to manhood and where he early became familiar with the details of the lumber industry and with woodworking machinery, particularly that branch of the latter industry having to do with bentwood operations. In 1873, when twenty-one years of age, Mr. Johnson came to Indiana and installed a bentwood plant at Bluffton. Four years later he became head of a similar concern at Montpelier, doing business under the name of A. L. Johnson & Company, and in the following year (1878) established a branch of this concern at Muncie, where he made his headquarters and which ever afterward was his home, so that at the time of his death in 1923 he had been a resident of this city for forty-five years. In 1883, in association with W. E. Hitchcock, Mr. Johnson enlarged his operations here by installing a skewer plant, at the same time continuing his lumber operations. Two years later, in 1885, he consolidated his lumber interests and formed a partnership with his elder brother, the late John C. Johnson, the brothers thereafter for years carrying on here an extensive business in the lumber trade. Abbott L. Johnson thus was definitely and substantially established in business here when in 1886 the presence of natural gas



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was revealed here. His business acumen and foresight gave him an immediate grasp upon the situation and he was one of the very first to set in motion the various operations which straightway brought on the memorable "boom" here, giving freely the benefit of his experience in the organization and direction of the principal promotion movements which were started at that time; and, as was but proper, found a portion of his reward in the considerable financial profit which attended some of these operations, particularly in his real estate and city extension enterprises. As these interests expanded they gradually came to ramify or interlace pretty nearly all the important operations of the community, his activities including not only building and real estate, but banking and manufacturing, so that the name of A. L. Johnson was found on the directorates of many of the leading business and industrial concerns that grew up in Muncie during the days of the city's vital expansion. He had been one of the original organizers of the waterworks company in 1885 and in other civic enterprises he was equally foresighted and active. He also had numerous outside interests of a profitable character; in short, was a clear-sighted financier who realized the benefits of commercial and industrial expansion. As principal owner of the Johnson block in Walnut street, the first modern office building erected in Muncie, he demonstrated his prescience of one of the city's coming needs. One of the original "boosters" of the old Commercial Club, Mr. Johnson maintained his interest in that connection to the end as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He also was a member of the directorate of the Delaware County National Bank and was president of the Warner Gear Company, the Glascock Bros. Manufacturing Company and the Morgan-Hitchcock Company. As a member of the board of governors of the Muncie Home Hospital he had been able to do much to promote the interests of that institution. He was a deacon of the First Baptist church, for years a member of the board of trustees of that congregation and also for years was superintendent of the Sunday school. A Freemason of many years standing, Mr. Johnson had attained a position of influence in that ancient body and was an honorary member of the Supreme Council (33°) of the Valley of Indianapolis, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. He died at his winter home at Daytona, Florida, January 11, 1923, and his widow continues to make her home at Muncie, residing at 330 East Washington street, which has been the Johnson home for many years. In 1872, at Ashtabula, Ohio, Abbott L. Johnson was united in marriage to Florence Merri-

man, daughter of Charles Merriman, of that city, and to this union were born three children, two sons, John Edgar Johnson (deceased) and Ray Prescott Johnson, of Muncie, and a daughter, Florence Grace, wife of Charles S. Davis, also of Muncie.

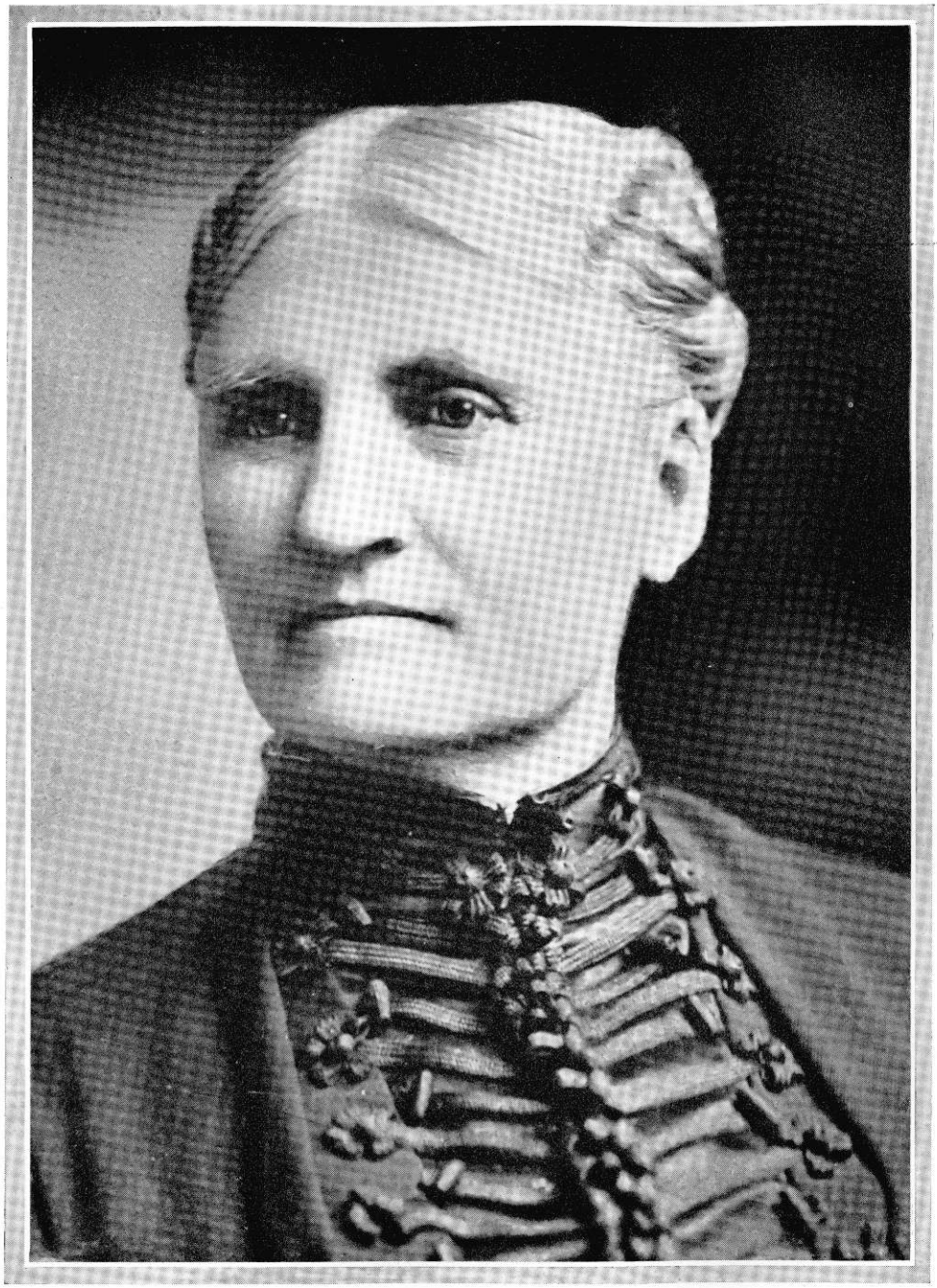
JAMES HARVEY BAXTER, professor of mathematics in the Eastern Division of the Indiana State Normal School at Muncie, has been connected with that institution since its opening in the summer of 1917, having been transferred to this school from the normal school at Terre Haute, where for some years prior he had been a teacher of mathematics. Professor Baxter was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Camden, in Hillsdale county, Michigan, March 15, 1875, and is a son of Andrew Austin and Katherine A. (Todd) Baxter, the latter of whom was born in Ohio. Andrew Austin Baxter, who was an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born in New York state but was living in Michigan, a young farmer and school teacher, when the Civil war broke out. Upon the President's first call for volunteers in 1861 he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and went out with the 2d regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry. Upon the completion of that term of service he returned home, was married and then re-enlisted for service during the duration of the war, was attached to the 22d Michigan and served for four years, presently being promoted to captain and then to provost major. Upon his retirement from the army Major Baxter settled at Alvordton, in Williams county, Ohio, across the line from his home county in Michigan, but not long afterward returned to Hillsdale county and there established his home, becoming a substantial farmer and stock man, his place being widely known as the "Baxter Stock Farm." He was a Freemason and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He and his wife spent their last days in Michigan, her death occurring at the age of fifty-nine and his, at the age of sixty-seven. They were the parents of four children, three daughters and the one son. Reared on the home farm, James Harvey Baxter received his early schooling in the common schools and at the age of fifteen years began to teach school. He presently entered the Tri-State College at Angola, Ind., for a course in preparation for high school work and later attended the Michigan State Normal School, from which in 1903 he was graduated with the degree of B. S. Three years later, in 1906, he received his B. A. from the University of Michigan and then became engaged as a teacher of mathematics in the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute. During the term, 1911-12 he was given leave of absence to pursue post-graduate work

at the University of Michigan and upon his return to the state normal school was made an assistant professor of mathematics. When the Eastern Division of the Indiana State Normal School at Muncie was opened in June, 1917, Professor Baxter was transferred to this institution as head of the department of mathematics and has continued to serve in that capacity. Professor Baxter is affiliated with the National Education Association and with the Association of American Mathematicians. He is a member of the executive committee of the board of directors of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, vice president of the Exchange Club, and is a Freemason and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

FRANK E. PELHAM, proprietor of the Pelham Pharmacy at Muncie, has been a resident of this city something more than ten years and for the past four or five years has been in business for himself, having taken over his present store after years of practical experience in the drug line. Mr. Pelham was born at Portland, in the neighboring county of Jay, March 1, 1884, and is a son of Robert Newton and Omega (White) Pelham, the latter of whom was born and reared at Bluffton, Ind. Robert Newton Pelham, who was born at Portland, a member of one of the old families there, formerly and for years was one of the active figures in the local oil field, a driller, who in the early '90s moved from Portland to Geneva, where he established his home. Frank E. Pelham was graudated from the Geneva high school and then entered the School of Pharmacy of Valparaiso University. In 1907 he was graduated from that institution and began his practical work as a pharmacist in the drug store of M. T. Atwood at Geneva. In 1910 he went from there to Shelbyville, Ind., as pharmacist in the drug store of Robert Buxton and was there thus engaged until in 1913, when he came to Muncie as pharmacist in the drug store of Charles Benadum at 500 East Willard street, and has ever since been engaged at that number. On November 4, 1919, Mr. Pelham bought this drug store and has since been carrying on the business there as proprietor, his place being known as the Pelham Pharmacy, a well appointed drug store, equipped in up-to-date fashion. Mr. Pelham is a Republican, a Freemason, a Knight of Pythias and an Elk. He has been twice married. In 1908, at Geneva, he was united in marriage to Effie Reichelderfer, daughter of Charles and Eliza Reichelderfer, of that place, who died on January 11, 1910, leaving one child, a son, Roger Hayward Pelham. On December 11, 1912, at Shelbyville, Mr. Pelham married Merle May Williams, daughter of Charles W. and Margaret Williams, members of old

families in Shelby county, who in 1914 made their home in Muncie. To this latter union one child has been born a daughter, Mary Jane. Mr. and Mrs. Pelham are members of the Madison Street Methodist Episcopal church.

JOSEPH A. GODDARD, a veteran of the Civil war with an officer's commission, head of the firm of Joseph A. Goddard & Company, wholesale grocers at Muncie, and founder of the establishment which bears his name; formerly and for years president of the city school board and for fifty years an active factor in the development of the commercial and civic interests of Muncie and of Delaware county, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Indiana so long that he very properly feels himself as much a Hoosier as any here. Mr. Goddard was born in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, December 17, 1840, and is a son of John Henry and Ann (Wilson) Goddard, both natives of England. John Henry Goddard was born in the vicinity of the city of London and was but a lad when he came to America. He located at Buffalo, N. Y., and was there trained in the chandlery line. He became engaged as a chandler in Cleveland and for some years after his marriage had his home there, moving thence to Stark county, Ohio, and thence after awhile to Freedom, in Portage county, where for some time he operated a chandler's shop. From there he presently moved to Ravenna, Portage county, and then to Elyria in Lorain county, Ohio, where he carried on his chandlery line until his retirement about 1878, when he rejoined his son, Joseph A. Goddard, who meanwhile had become a resident of Muncie, and here his last days were spent, his death occurring in 1882, he then being seventy-nine years of age. His wife had long predeceased him, her death having occurred in Cleveland in 1847, she then being thirty-seven years of age. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being John, who served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil war; Martha, Mary and Julia. Joseph A. Goddard was but a lad when his father left Cleveland and at Ravenna, county seat of Portage county (Ohio), when thirteen years of age, he became apprenticed to the printer's trade. Not finding that form of service to his liking, however, two years later he gave up thought of becoming a printer and began working on a farm and was thus engaged until he was seventeen years of age when, in 1858, he went to Cincinnati and became employed in the wholesale grocery store of an uncle, B. P. Baker, and was thus engaged when the Civil war broke out. In 1862 Mr. Goddard entered the service of the Union army as a private in



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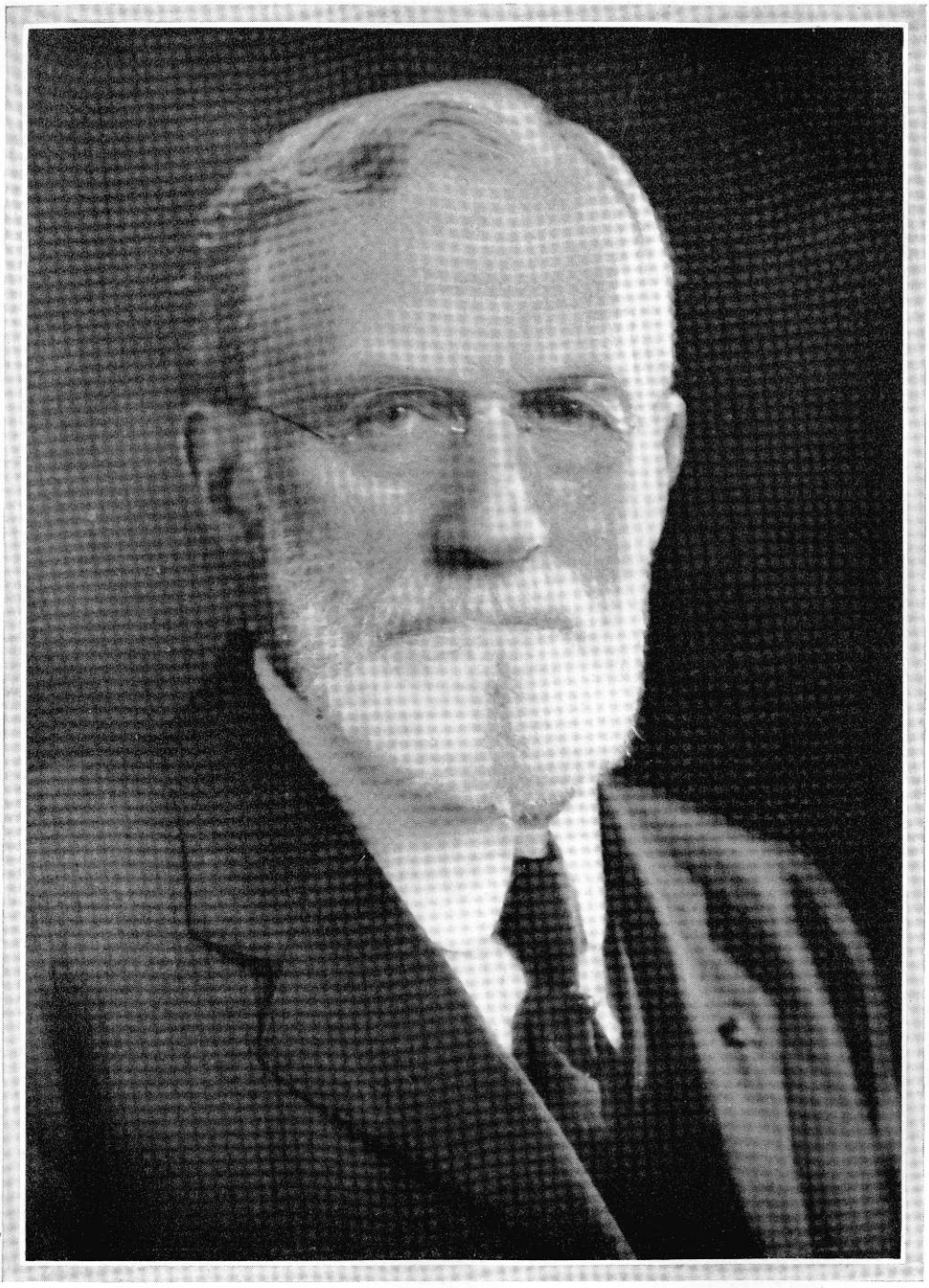

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Company M of the 4th Ohio Cavalry, presently was given a lieutenant's commission and afterward was promoted to a captaincy and assigned to D Company of that same command, and with this command served until the close of the war and was mustered out in June, 1865, with the rank of captain. The 4th Ohio Cavalry was a part of the Army of the Cumberland and Captain Goddard thus had a part in some very interesting campaigns, including participation in the battle of Chickamauga and the memorable drive with Sherman, going as far as Atlanta. During this service he was given a detached assignment and in January, 1864, was made staff quartermaster and aide on the staff of Gen. W. L. Elliott, cavalry commander of the Army of the Cumberland, and when General Elliott was succeeded by Gen. James H. Wilson was continued on the staff of the latter to the end. It was during this latter service that Captain Goddard took part in the celebrated expedition of General Wilson in March, 1865, with an army of about 15,000 men, mostly cavalry, against Forrest's army in Alabama. The expedition routed General Forrest and in April, 1865, captured Selma, Montgomery, Columbus and Macon, a vigorous campaign which was a decisive factor in bringing the war to an end. It was at Macon that Jefferson Davis, the humbled president of the Confederacy, was captured by a detachment of Wilson's men and Captain Goddard was officer of the day at headquarters in Macon when Davis was brought in. Upon the completion of his military service Captain Goddard returned to Cincinnati and resumed the even tenor of his way along the paths of peace. In the next year he married and established his home at Cincinnati, where he continued his former employment in the wholesale grocery house of his uncle, becoming a traveling salesman for that concern. It was in this capacity as a commercial traveler that he made his first acquaintance with Muncie. His periodical trips here gradually convinced him that here was a good commercial center and in May, 1874, he moved to Muncie with his family and in association with B. R. Adamson became engaged in the retail grocery business, operating under the firm name of Adamson & Goddard, in a store room on the east side of the public square, and presently put in another store, in Walnut street below Jackson. This firm gradually extended its operations to include a general grocery jobbing business for the accommodation of the trade in the nearby towns and villages and in 1881 the Adamson & Goddard partnership was dissolved, Mr. Goddard taking over the jobbing end of the concern, and it was thus that the Goddard wholesale house was established, more than forty years ago. Upon start-

ing in business on his own account in this line Mr. Goddard opened a wholesale house at 120 South Walnut street, starting in with two clerks and a wagon man. The business rapidly grew and these quarters presently were outgrown. Mr. Goddard then bought ground and erected a building at the southeast corner of Walnut and Adams streets, and when those quarters were outgrown occupied a building at the corner of Charles and Mulberry streets. In 1901 this business was incorporated as the Joseph A. Goddard Company. It soon became apparent that still greater quarters would have to be provided for the growing business and a few years later plans were perfected for the erection of the present modern and commodious wholesale house and warehouse at 221 West Seymour street, which were occupied in 1907 and where the business has since been conducted, Mr. Goddard continuing active in business. The officers of the Joseph A. Goddard Company when this change was made in 1907 were as follows: President, Joseph A. Goddard, who still is head of the concern; vice president, William H. Goddard, son of the president and now deceased; secretary and treasurer, Frederick B. Jones, who still is serving in that capacity, and these together with A. Fletcher Howell, present vice president of the company, the late Hardin Roads, J. C. Johnson and J. M. Maring formed the directorate of the company. From its "day of small things" back in 1881 this concern has developed until now no fewer than forty persons are employed in the wholesale house and eight traveling salesmen cover the territory within this trade area. As will be noted elsewhere in this work, Mr. Goddard was one of the active factors in promoting commercial and industrial development work here following the opening of the natural gas field in the late '80s and he also was one of the organizers and the first president of the Citizens Enterprise Company which in the early '90s proved its worth as a stimulus to the movement for bringing new manufacturing enterprises to town. He also has ever since becoming a resident of Muncie taken a proper part in the general civic life of the community and for twelve years (1886-1898) rendered service as president of the local school board, the interests of the city schools being advanced greatly during that period. For years Mr. Goddard has been one of the active promoters of the interests of the local Y. M. C. A. and is the present vice president and a member of the board of directors of that association. He also formerly and for several years was vice president and a member of the directorate of the Delaware County National Bank and is at present a director of the Merchants National Bank. He is a member of the local post of the Grand Army

of the Republic and of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. It was in 1866, in Wayne county, Indiana, that Joseph A. Goddard was united in marriage to Mary Hough, daughter of William Hough and wife, influential members of the old Quaker community in that county, and to this union three children were born, the late William H. Goddard, mentioned above, who married Margaret Huston and died in 1920, leaving two sons, Joseph A. and Charles Huston Goddard; Grace, who married C. M. Rich and has four children, Lynore, Mary G., Lydia and Edward; and Anna, wife of Robert M. Chapple, also of Muncie. Mrs. Mary Hough Goddard, with her birthright in the Society of Friends, was without church association here when she and Mr. Goddard came to Muncie in 1874 and at her invitation, in 1876, the first Quaker minister to hold service in Muncie visited the town and held a meeting, out of which grew a small society of eighteen members, six men, six women and six children. Mrs. John W. Burson donated to this society the use of a room on the north side of the public square for a place of meeting and this room was occupied until in 1880 when, largely through the financial aid of Mr. and Mrs. Goddard, a small meeting house was built at the corner of Mulberry and Seymour streets, the latter then known as Wall street. In 1906 when the present handsome Friends church at the corner of Adams and Cherry streets was erected Mr. Goddard was chairman of the building committee. In 1882 Mrs. Goddard served as a member of the public library board. It was through her suggestion that the section devoted to Indiana authors, an interesting feature of the Muncie library's service later was created. By popular request this section has been extended and is now known as the Mary H. Goddard Memorial. Mrs. Goddard died on May 26, 1908, and at her passing left a good memory, for she had been for many years active in good works.

DR. E. E. POLK, a practicing physician at Muncie, is a member of one of the old families of Delaware county. The Doctor was born in Center township, this county, April 20, 1864, and was reared here. He early became attracted to "the art preservative of all arts" and as a boy learned the printer's trade at Muncie, going thence to Logansport, where he worked at that trade for some time and then went to Chicago and became employed in the publishing plant of Rand McNally & Company, afterward going to Indianapolis to work in the W. B. Burford plant. While working at Indianapolis he took up the study of medicine and in 1883 was matriculated at the old Physio-Medical College there, having matured his plans for "working his

way" through college. He was graduated from that institution in 1886. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Polk opened an office for the practice of medicine at Ft. Wayne, but not long afterward returned to Indianapolis and in this latter city was engaged in practice until in 1896 when he came to Muncie. For nearly twenty years Doctor Polk continued practice at Muncie and then, in 1915, he moved to Fruitland Park, Fla., where he became engaged in practice. For five years the Doctor made his home in Florida and then, in 1920, he returned to Muncie and has since been engaged in practice here, with offices and residence at 1507 West Jackson street. Doctor Polk is a member of the Muncie Academy of Medicine. His wife, Luella Wilson, to whom he was married in 1880, was born at Fairmount, W. Va., and is a daughter of William Wilson.

WILLIAM A. McNAUGHTON, founder of the department store which bears his name at Muncie, and which is carried on by the concern which he established, W. A. McNaughton & Company, was an active force in the development of the commercial interests of Muncie following the opening of the gas field here back in the '90s. At his death he left a good memory here and it is but fitting that in this definite history of the county in which he so effectually labored there should be carried some brief memorial of the service he thus rendered. Mr. McNaughton was a native son of Indiana, and all his life was spent in this state. The place of his birth was Leavenworth, a pleasant old village in Crawford county, and he was a son of the Rev. Samuel W. and Sarah (Forbes) McNaughton, both members of pioneer families of that county and the former of whom, a veteran of the Civil war, was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. The Rev. Samuel W. McNaughton and wife were the parents of ten children, so that the McNaughton connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one. Of these children, William A. and Frank McNaughton were the only ones who became residents of Muncie. William A. McNaughton early became attracted to a commercial life and as a lad became employed as a clerk in a store at Edinburg, in Johnson county, where his parents then were living. He later became a clerk in the bank at that place and when twenty-one years of age was cashier of that bank, the position he was occupying when in 1870 he married Anna Walsh, daughter of John Walsh, a dry goods merchant of that place. Not long afterward he became associated with his father-in-law in the mercantile business at Edinburg, under the firm name of Walsh & McNaughton, and was thus engaged for about ten years or until in 1880, when he retired from that

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connection and moved to Franklin, where he opened a dry goods store of his own and in association with his brother, Frank McNaughton, embarked in business for himself. The McNaughtons remained in business at Franklin until they came to Muncie and in February, 1896, bought the old Johnson dry goods store at the corner of Walnut and Jackson streets. In the following September, when the new Johnson building was completed, the McNaughton store was moved into that building, occupying the corner room and basement, and the business was carried on there until in November, 1903, when the present McNaughton building was completed and in that building was installed the department store of W. A. McNaughton & Company, one of the leading department stores in Indiana. William A. McNaughton continued as president of this company and general manager of the store until his death on May 25, 1909, and since then his son, John F. McNaughton, has been president of the company. J. C. O'Hara is vice-president and treasurer of the company, E. A. McDowell is the secretary and Frank McNaughton, advertising manager, who has been writing McNaughton ads for more than forty years, and Harry M. Lee are the other members of the directorate. The late W. A. McNaughton was a Freemason and was a member of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. He ever took a proper part in local public affairs and was a member of the city school board at the time of his death. Of the six children born to W. A. and Anna (Walsh) McNaughton but two now survive, John F. McNaughton having a sister, Florence, wife of J. C. O'Hara, vice-president of the McNaughton Company. William W. McNaughton, the eldest son of this family, died at the age of twenty-eight years, as did Walter McNaughton, the other son. Mayme, the eldest daughter, married Warren W. Lee and died at the age of twenty-six, and another daughter, Margaret, died in infancy. The McNaughton building at the corner of Walnut and Charles streets and the firmly established McNaughton store which occupies that building are substantial monuments to the memory of W. A. McNaughton and to the influence he exerted upon the commercial life of this community during the years of his labors here.

ERNEST M. CURTIS, proprietor of the City Coal Yards at Muncie and also engaged in business as a street and highway contractor, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived in this county the greater part of his life, a resident of Muncie since he was fifteen years of age. Mr. Curtis was born on a farm in Mt. Pleasant township on October 15, 1885, and is the son and only child of Grant and Alice (Snodgrass) Curtis, both of whom also were born in this

county, members of pioneer families here. The late Grant Curtis grew up as a farmer and after his marriage began farming in Mt. Pleasant township, where he remained until in 1900, when he moved with his family to Muncie and became employed on the city police force. For eleven years he served as a city policeman and then was elected township assessor, a position he occupied for four years, at the end of which time he became employed as a special policeman at the plant of the General Motors Corporation and was thus engaged until his death in 1920. Ernest M. Curtis was fifteen years of age when he came to Muncie with his parents in 1900 and upon completing his schooling he began clerking in a clothing store, a position he occupied for about five years, or until he had attained his majority, when he started out to take a view of conditions in other cities and was gone for five years, clerking in stores at Chicago, St. Louis and Louisville. Upon his return to Muncie Mr. Curtis opened a cigar store and was thus engaged in business for five years, or until in 1914, when he closed out that line and became engaged in street and highway contracting, a business which he since has quite successfully followed, the field of his operations in that line being confined to this state. In 1915 Mr. Curtis also became engaged in the retail coal business and has built up at his City Coal Yards, 606 South Elm street, a continually growing business in that line. Mr. Curtis is a Democrat. He is affiliated with the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He married Jeannette Swink and he and his wife reside at 301 West Howard street.

NELSON P. LUDINGTON, purchasing agent for the Kitselman Bros., manufacturers of wire fence, and for the Indiana Steel and Wire Company, of Muncie, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state practically all his life, a resident of Muncie for nearly a quarter of a century. Mr. Ludington was born in Grant county, Indiana, but was reared at Richmond, where his parents had their home for many years. He was born on October 2, 1879, and is a son of Harley P. and Emily (Cripe) Ludington, the latter of whom was born in Wayne county, a member of one of the pioneer families of that part of Indiana. The late Harley P. Ludington was born at Circleville, Ohio, but came to Indiana with his parents in the days of his boyhood and was for years employed at Richmond as a pattern maker. Nelson P. Ludington was reared at Richmond and received his schooling in the schools of that city, supplementing the schooling received in the common schools by a course in a business college there. In 1898,

he then being nineteen years of age, he went to Missouri and became employed there in the offices of the Central Lead Company at that concern's mines at Bonne Terre in that state. In the next year (1899) he returned to Indiana and became employed in the Little & Oakley hardware store at Muncie and was thus engaged until in 1904 when he went to St. Louis and became employed there as a salesman for the Simmons Hardware Company. In the next year he returned to Muncie and resumed his former connection with the Little & Oakley store, which then was bought by the Kimbrough Hardware Company, and he continued thus employed until in 1908, when he transferred his connection to the store of George Keiser & Company, mill supplies, and was there employed for a couple of years or more. In 1911 Mr. Ludington entered upon his present connection with the great plant of the Kitselman Bros., manufacturers of farm, lawn and poultry fence, as purchasing agent for that concern, and has since been thus engaged, also purchasing agent for the plant of the Indiana Steel and Wire Company, manufacturers of telephone wire, wire nails, strand wire and poultry netting, one of the established figures in the wire industry in this country. Mr. Ludington is a Republican and a Freemason and he and his wife are members of the Jackson Street Christian (Disciples) Church. In 1908 Nelson P. Ludington was united in marriage to Blanche Ellen Dungan, who was born and reared in Muncie, daughter of Walter and Rosa Dungan, and to this union two children have been born, Helen Pauline and Betty Ann. The Ludingtons reside at 708 West Jackson street. Mrs. Ludington is a granddaughter of John W. Dungan, a former sheriff of Delaware county and in his generation one of the best known citizens of Muncie and of this county, a son of Benjamin Dungan, a Pennsylvanian, who came into Indiana from Ohio in 1836 and became one of the pioneers of Delaware county.

CHARLES ROLL MOON, president of the Moon Machine Company of Muncie, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Muncie for nearly forty years. Mr. Moon was born at Hartford City, in the neighboring county of Blackford, February 15, 1881, and is a son of Elkanah and Lucinda (Osenbaugh) Moon, the latter of whom, also a native of Indiana, is still living. The late Elkanah Moon was a native of Ohio and grew up to the machinist's trade, a vocation he followed at Hartford City for some years after his marriage, or until in 1887, when he moved with his family to Muncie, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in February, 1923, he then being seventy-five years of age.

Since the time of the organization of the Moon Machine Company he had been connected with that concern. To him and his wife were born four children, sons all, the subject of this sketch having three brothers, Ellsworth, Jabez Thomas and William Harley Moon. Charles R. Moon was six years of age when his parents moved to Muncie in 1887 and he received his schooling in the schools of that city. Following in the practical footsteps of his father, he early became a skilled machinist, as did his brothers, J. T. and W. H. Moon, and in due time he and these brothers engaged in business on their own account, establishing the Moon Machine Company, with Charles R. Moon as president of the same. From small beginnings the plant of this company has developed into the now important manufacturing establishment it maintains in North Hackley street at the Big Four railway tracks, the output of the concern having established a high reputation and a rapidly growing market. In 1912 Charles R. Moon was united in marriage to Minnie Miller, daughter of Jacob Miller, of this county, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Robert Eugene Moon.

EDMUND BURKE BALL, vice-president of Ball Brothers Company of Muncie and general manager of that concern, has been a resident of Muncie for thirty-seven years and has been recognized as one of the city's influential citizens. As chairman of the city park board and city planning commission for several years he has rendered important and lasting service in the city's development. Mr. Ball was born in Greensburg, Trumbull county, Ohio, October 21, 1855. He is a son of Lucius Stiles Ball and Maria P. (Bingham) Ball, who were the parents of eight children, six sons—Lucius Lorenzo, William Charles, Edmund Burke, Frank Clayton, George Alexander and Clinton Harvey, and two daughters—Lucina A. and Frances May. Clinton Harvey Ball died at two years of age. Lucina A. Ball, the eldest of the family, was an educator of remarkable ability. She assisted George W. Childs (editor and owner of the Philadelphia *Ledger* and life-long friend of the Drexels of Philadelphia) in founding the Drexel Institute and was its financial secretary for a number of years. She died on January 14, 1901. Frances May is the wife of Dr. J. W. Mauck, president for many years of Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich. Edmund B. Ball's paternal ancestor was Edward Ball, who probably came from England in 1640 and located first at Brantford, Conn., and later settled in New Jersey. He was one of the founders of Newark, New Jersey. His wife was Abigail Blatchley. From them the line of descent is traced through their son Thomas and his

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wife, Sarah Davis; their son Moses and his wife, Lucretia Dalgleisch; their son Jonathan and his wife, Sarah Stiles, and their son William and his wife, Marcy Harvey, who were the grandparents of the subject of this biography. Edward Ball (1) became sheriff of Essex county, New Jersey. Moses Ball (3) established the family homestead at Springfield, New Jersey. Jonathan Ball (4) a soldier of the Revolutionary war, afterwards resided at Bridgeport, Addison county, Vermont, and subsequently at Ascot and Sherbrooke, Canada. William Ball (5) and his wife, Marcy (Harvey) Ball, lived on a farm which they owned at Ascot, Canada, where Lucius Stiles Ball and his three brothers and three sisters were born. William Ball and his family moved to Trumbull county, Ohio, about 1838. He purchased a tract of unimproved timber land and he and the boys set to work clearing the land. They built a log house which was their home for several years. Logs were the only available building material. Following is a statement of Frank C. Ball, brother of Edmund, regarding their father and mother: "Our father was a man of good sound judgment, high moral character; he was modest, refined, of a sensitive nature, a man of few words and fond of his family. He was the oldest boy of the family and his brothers and sisters looked to him for advice and leadership. His father made his home with us up to the time of his death. Our mother was a remarkably strong woman, physically and mentally, with a sweet Christian spirit. Her home and her children were all in all to her. Her chief ambition was to bring up her children with good strong minds and bodies, with right ideals and true Christian principles. She urged us always to stick together and help each other; it was through her influence and her advice that we five brothers have been associated in business throughout life. She was a devoted wife and an affectionate mother, interested in all good movements and admired by her many friends. She attended the public school at Stansted, Canada (where her parents resided on a farm), until she was eighteen years of age when she began teaching school. It was while teaching at Greensburg, Ohio, that she met and was married to my father, Lucius Stiles Ball, September 1, 1846." When Edmund Ball was seven years old his father and mother with their seven children moved to a farm on Grand Island, a large island in Niagara river, seven miles wide and seventeen miles long, extending from a few miles below Lake Erie to within five miles of Niagara. There were no railroads and so the family traveled by wagons, three in number, moving their household effects with them. They drove to Ashtabula and along the shores of Lake Erie to Buffalo and thence to

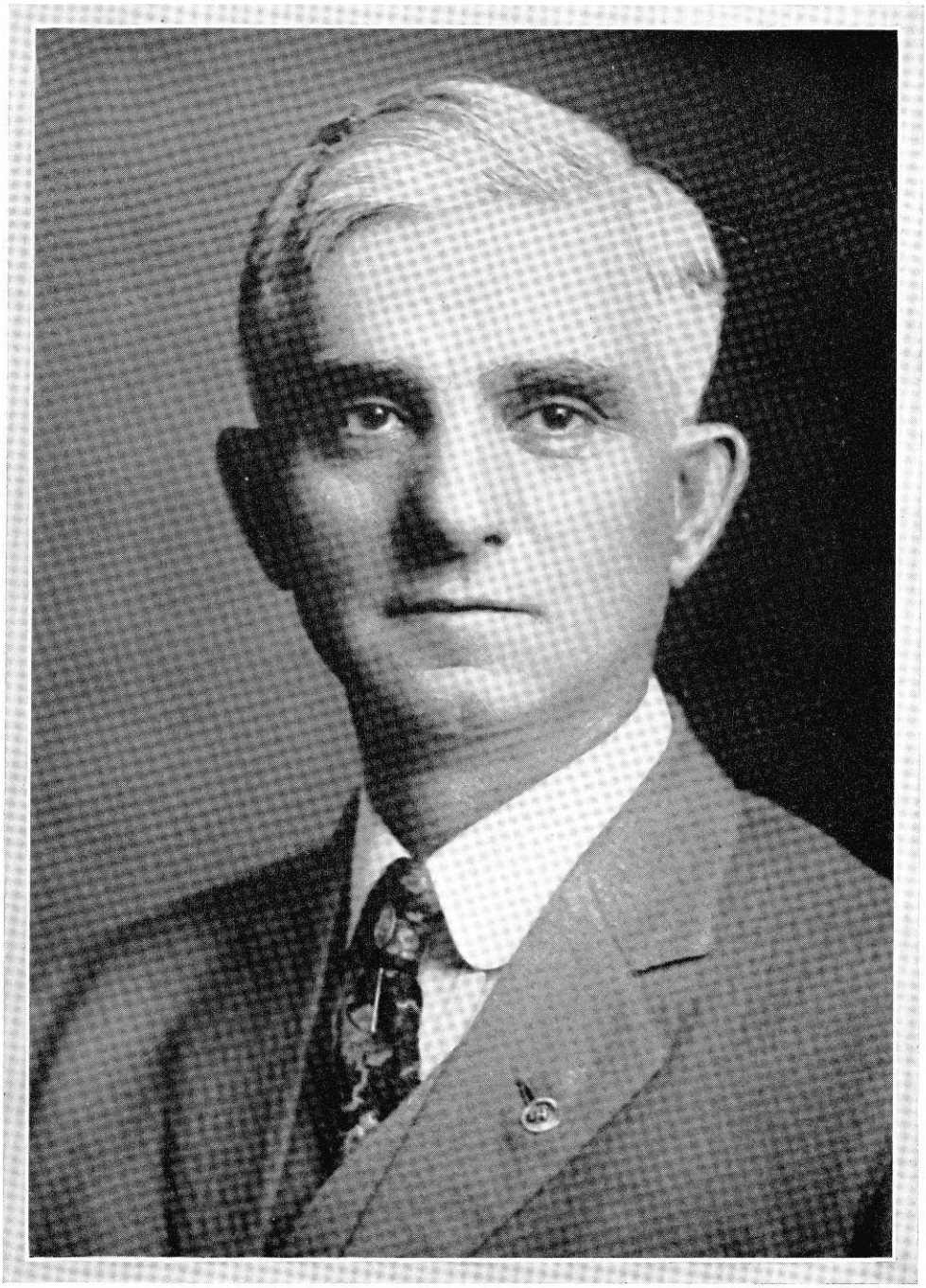
Tonawanda, where they ferried across the river to the island. The farm was located on the foot of the island where the two forks of the river come together, four miles above the rapids. It was a charming place in the summer but most desolate in the winter. Here Edmund and his brothers learned to swim and handle a boat with great skill in the swift current. After two years of delightful summers and cold, bleak winters, the family moved to Tonawanda, N. Y., on the banks of the Niagara river, where two more happy boyhood years were spent boating, swimming and fishing, with some schooling. The family then moved to Canandaigua, N. Y., where the father engaged in the mercantile business and the children attended the public schools and the Canandaigua Academy. One summer Edmund worked as a farm hand and learned to do all the farm work from plowing and preparing the soil to harvesting and threshing the grain. In the winter of 1878 he and his cousin, Charles Barker, went into the pine woods of Michigan and cut timber. While there he received word of his father's death. He immediately started home, riding to the nearest railroad station, about twenty miles away, in a sled, over the deep snow through the forest, and arrived home just in time for the funeral. After this he joined his brother Frank in Buffalo in the business of manufacturing fish kits (small tubs for packing salt fish). The plant in which the business was located burned and they lost all they had invested. Edmund and Frank then started the manufacture of oil cans in a small way, to which was later added the manufacture of glass. About 1883 Lucius, William and George joined them. When natural gas was discovered in Indiana in 1887 a glass factory was located at Muncie by Ball Brothers and in 1900 the sheet metal works was moved from Buffalo to Muncie. The Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company (later changed to Ball Bros. Company) was then organized. F. C. Ball was elected president, E. B. Ball vice president and general manager; W. C. Ball secretary, G. A. Ball treasurer, and L. L. Ball, who had become a practicing physician, a director. The business has grown from a yearly production of twenty-five thousand gross of fruit jars in 1888 to over one million gross and from an annual business of two hundred thousand dollars to ten million dollars. Ball Brothers Company has become the largest manufacturer of fruit jars in the world. They have invented and installed in their plants many improved labor saving machines which have greatly reduced cost, improved quality and increased production. They have added at Muncie a paper mill, a corrugating plant and a zinc rolling mill; at Noblesville, Ind., a paper mill, and at Wichita Falls, Texas, a glass

factory. Edmund B. Ball has always taken an active interest in all municipal affairs and all movements for the betterment of the community in which he lives. On October 7, 1903, he was united in marriage to Bertha Crosley, the daughter of Rev. Marion Crosley, at Indianapolis, and to them have been born two sons, Edmund Ferdinand and Clinton Crosley and two daughters, Adelia and Janice. Clinton Crosley died in 1912. Mr. Ball is a member of the Universalist church, a 33d degree Scottish Rite Mason, president of the Muncie & Portland Traction Company, chairman of the Muncie park board and of the city planning commission, and is a director of the following: Indiana Union Traction Company, Indianapolis, New Castle & Eastern Traction Company, Warner Gear Company, Durham Manufacturing Company, Merchants National Bank, Merchants Trust Company, Indiana Boys School at Plainfield, Hillsdale College and the Muncie City Hospital. He and Mrs. Ball gave a tract of land and buildings on the banks of Tippecanoe Lake for a Young Men's Christian Association boys' camp.

GEORGE W. ANSPAUGH, chief draftsman for the Indiana Bridge Company of Muncie, was born at St. Louis, Mo., July 8, 1895, and is a son of George M. and Cora B. (Weiand) Anspaugh, the latter of whom was born and reared in the vicinity of that same city. George M. Anspaugh was a native Hoosier, born at St. Paul in Decatur county, Indiana. He early became engaged in railroad work and was for some years thus engaged at St. Louis, later returning to Indiana. His last days were spent at St. Paul, Ind., where he died in 1900. George W. Anspaugh was but a child when his parents located at Bringhurst, Ind., and his early schooling was received in the schools of that village. Following his graduation from the high school at Bloomington he entered the electrical engineering department of Purdue University and after two years of work there returned to Bloomington, where for a short time he was engaged as the manager of a grocery store. In the meantime he had been giving his close attention to the study of mechanical drawing and in 1916, when twenty-one years of age, came to Muncie and became engaged as a draftsman in the office of the Indiana Bridge Company and was thus engaged when in the following spring this country took a hand in the World war. He proffered his technical services to the Government, was accepted and was assigned to duty as a draftsman in the war construction section of the Federal Bridge Company at Savannah, Ga., serving thus until the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Anspaugh returned to Muncie and was

made assistant superintendent of the shop of the Indiana Bridge Company. He later became superintendent and in 1923 was made chief of the drafting room of that concern and has since then been thus engaged. On February 14, 1918, at Savannah, Ga., George W. Anspaugh was united in marriage to Merle L. Dust, who was born in Bloomington, Ind., daughter of W. J. Dust, and he and his wife reside at 217 East Seventh street. They are members of the Christian church and are Republicans. Mr. Anspaugh is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was elected vice-chairman of the Republican central committee of Delaware County and served as chairman the last four months of his term.

JAMES HARVEY LEFFLER, president of the Western Reserve Life Insurance Company of Muncie, a member of the board of directors of the Peoples Trust Company and former clerk of Delaware county, was born on a farm in Hamilton township, this county, June 23, 1862, and is a son of Philip and Mary (Garrard) Leffler and a brother of Joseph G. Leffler, former judge of the Delaware circuit court. The late Philip Leffler, a veteran of the Civil war—a private in the 36th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, was born in Ohio and was but a child when his father, Philip Leffler, a Pennsylvanian, came here from Darke county, Ohio, and settled in Hamilton township. The Garrards also were among the pioneers of that township. Mary Garrard was a daughter of Harvey and Hannah (Gustin) Garrard, who had come here from Ohio. Three of her brothers, George, Jeremiah and Joseph Garrard, were soldiers of the Union during the Civil war. James H. Leffler was reared on the home farm in Hamilton township, about five miles north of Muncie, and continued to make his home there until he was twenty-one years of age, meantime, at the age of eighteen, having begun to teach school. His schooling was completed at the Central Indiana Normal School at Danville. Upon leaving the farm he became engaged in the mercantile business at Albany, selling hardware and agricultural implements, and after his marriage two years later became associated with his father-in-law, David W. Sloniker, in that same line, under the firm name of Sloniker & Leffler, an arrangement that was continued for six years, at the end of which time he became engaged in the manufacture of furniture at Albany, associated with the Albany Furniture Company. In 1893, this concern, out of which later grew the present Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet Company of Newcastle, was destroyed by fire, Mr. Leffler losing in that fire all his accumulated savings as well as his



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investment. Thus thrown back on his individual efforts, Mr. Leffler came to Muncie and was presently employed as deputy in the office of the county clerk and for seven years served in this capacity, under the Reed and Mansfield incumbencies. He then became associated with the Union Trust Company of Indianapolis as assistant claim adjuster and real estate and tax agent; later took up the local real estate business and while thus engaged received the nomination by the Republicans for the office of county clerk, was elected and served for four years (1908-12) in that important public capacity. In the meantime, when the Peoples Trust Company of Muncie was organized in 1908 Mr. Leffler was elected to the directorate of that fiduciary concern, a position he ever since has occupied, and is as well a member of the executive committee of the board. When the Western Reserve Life Insurance Company of Muncie was organized in 1906 Mr. Leffler was elected vice president of that institution and in 1919 was elected president of the company, which position he now occupies. For twenty-five years Mr. Leffler was a member of the First Christian church of Muncie, or until four or five years ago, when he and his wife and daughter became affiliated with the Friends Memorial church. Mr. Leffler is a member of the finance committee of this latter congregation and is also assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a past commander of the local camp of the Sons of Veterans at Muncie and was for some time junior vice commander of the Indiana division of that patriotic order. He is a York Rite (Knights Templar) and Scottish Rite (32°) Mason, a past chancellor commander of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, a past sachem of the Improved Order of Red Men, a member of the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and a member of Post R of the Travelers Protective Association. It was in 1888, at Albany, that James H. Leffler was united in marriage to Nettie A. Sloniker, daughter of David W. and Elizabeth E. (Green) Sloniker, of that place, and to this union one child was born, a daughter, Josephine Lucile, who married Ora Dale Smith, of Muncie. Mr. Smith is a veteran of the World war, with an officer's commission. The Lefflers reside at 319 East North street.

HERMAN HUTZEL, head of the firm of Hutzel & Company, general heating and plumbing contractors at Muncie, has been a resident of that city for nearly twenty-five years and in that time has built up a business which has much more than a merely local reputation. Mr. Hutzel was born at Ann Arbor, Mich., and is a son of August and Sophia (Mann) Hutzel, the latter of whom was a

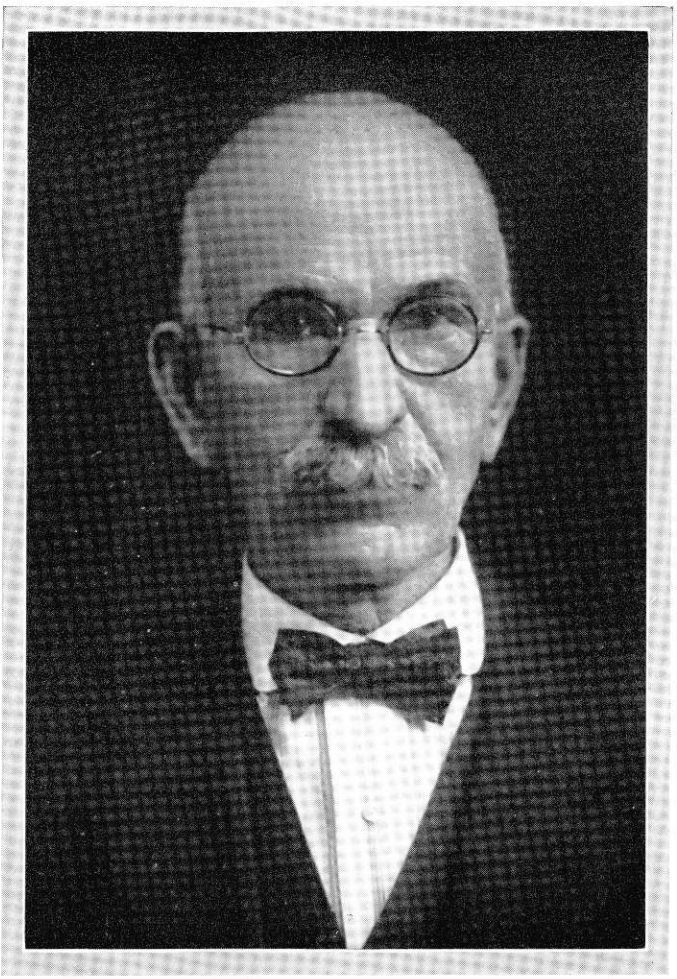
daughter of Jonathan Henry Mann, a Wurtemberger of Huguenot stock, who in 1823, to escape enforced military service, left Europe and came across the water, landing at Philadelphia. A tannery interest there sent him to Vera Cruz, Mexico, where he remained about a year, at the end of which time he returned and established a tannery at Reading, Pa. He then sent for his family and established his home at Reading. August Hutzel also was a Wurtemberger. He learned the trade of coppersmith in his native country and when twenty-two years of age, in 1829, came to America and settled at what then was known as Steam Furnace, down along the river, near Ironton, in Lawrence county, Ohio, and there started a store and not long afterward was appointed postmaster of the village. In 1839 he closed out his interests there and went to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he established a general store and in that same year was married. In connection with this store he carried a line of stoves and heating appliances and in the course of years, as the demand arose, began to devote his whole attention to the growing call for steam heating and plumbing appliances and became a general contractor in that line, and was thus engaged at that place until his retirement from business in 1887, when he turned the concern over to his sons and the business still is being carried on there by his son. Titus F. Hutzel, who has associated with him in business his son, Fred G. Hutzel, and a nephew, Robert Gwinner. To August Hutzel and wife were born eight children, those besides the subject of this sketch, the fourth in order of birth, being Sophia, wife of the Rev. Christian Spring; Pauline, wife of Fred Wuster; Martha, wife of Carl Steinbach; Mrs. Eugene Freeauff, Titus F., Mrs. Henry Heim and Charlotte. Reared at Ann Arbor, Herman Hutzel "grew up" to the plumbing and steam fitting business in his father's establishment and has all his life been thus engaged in that line. Upon their father's retirement in 1887 he and his brother Titus continued the business in partnership until in 1892, when Herman Hutzel sold his interest to his brother and in 1900 came to Muncie, where, in partnership with John Kirby, he became established in the heating and plumbing line, operating under the firm name of Kirby & Hutzel. In 1904 Mr. Kirby retired from the firm and since then Mr. Hutzel has been carrying on alone, two of his sons, Max H. and Victor C. Hutzel, now being associated with him in the business, operating under the firm name of Hutzel & Company Inc., with a well equipped establishment at 401 East Main street. Not only does this firm carry on a general contracting business in the heating and plumbing line in Muncie and throughout the surround-

ing trade area, but is in the market for general contracts throughout the country, one of its recent contracts having been a $100,000 job successfully completed at Milwaukee. At Ann Arbor Herman Hutzel was united in marriage to Pauline Graf, a daughter of Christian Graf. Mr. and Mrs. Hutzel have six children, Robert, Meleta, Sophia, Max, Hugo and Victor, the latter of whom, with his brother Max, is associated with their father in business at Muncie. Max Hutzel married Helen Gronendyke and has one child, a son, Robert. For more than twenty years Mr. Hutzel's eldest son, Robert Hutzel, has been a resident of Europe, now living at Paris, where he is the manufacturing manager for the American Radiator Company's plants throughout Europe. He married Lulu Spear and has two children, Rita and Hilda. Hugo Hutzel is now living at Buffalo, N. Y., manager of the malleable iron works of the Radiator Company of Buffalo. He is the president of the American Association of Heating and Ventilating Engineers of Western New York. He married Catherine Moritz. Victor Hutzel married Belle Willard. Sophia Hutzel is a teacher in the Muncie public schools, with which she has been connected for more than twenty years. Meleta Hutzel is a member of the educational division of the Michigan State Department of Health and her time is occupied as a lecturer in that behalf before women's clubs and high schools.

CHARLES B. ATHERTON, president of the Peerless Machine Works corporation at Muncie and a resident of that city for more than thirty years, was born at Albion, N. Y., July 3, 1872, and is a son of Alonzo and Phoebe (Briggs) Atherton, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of New York, whose last days were spent in Muncie, in which city they established their home in 1891, about the time the modern development of the city began as a consequence of the opening of the natural gas field hereabout. The late Alonzo Atherton was a carpenter. In 1876 he moved with his family from New York to Ovid, Mich., and in 1891 moved to Muncie, where he became engaged as a carpenter and where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, her death occurring in 1912, she then being seventy-eight years of age, and his, in 1913, he then being eighty years of age. They were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Grace. Reared at Ovid, Mich., for he was but four years of age when his parents moved to that place from New York, Charles B. Atherton completed the high school course and early became interested in the machinist's trade, a vocation to which his adult years have been devoted. After a varied and valuable experi-

ence in the line of practical mechanics, gained in machine shops at Muncie, Toledo and elsewhere, Mr. Atherton in 1917 organized the business of which he now is the head and which was incorporated as the Peerless Machine Works, with himself as president of the concern, Troy Livingston as treasurer and M. M. Atherton as secretary. This concern has a well equipped plant at 316 North High street, takes pride in the high class of the products turned out by its skilled labor and makes a specialty of the manufacture of special tools and jigs and of a gear-tooth rounding machine which was designed by Mr. Atherton and which long ago proved its effectiveness. Charles B. Atherton has been twice married. His first wife, Elizabeth Elliott, died four years after their marriage, leaving one child, a son, Lewin Bailey Atherton, and he then married Minnie Irving. Mr. and Mrs. Atherton are members of the First Baptist church of Muncie. Mr. Atherton is a Freemason and in that order has attained to both the York Rite (Knights Templar) and the Scottish Rite (32°).

FREDERICK KLOPFER, a retired manufacturer of Muncie, now living in that city in the enjoyment of the fruits of a life of industry and close application, is of European birth, but has been a resident and citizen of the United States since he was nineteen years of age and of Muncie for more than fifty years. Mr. Klopfer was born in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg on July 21, 1846, and is a son of Johannes and Catherine (Young) Klopfer, both of whom also were native Wurtembergers and who spent all their lives there. They were the parents of ten children, but three of whom are now living. Of these children five came to America, four of the sons and one of the daughters, Anna B., wife of Andrew Braun, founder of the Braun hotel at Muncie, who came to this country in 1865. An elder brother, George Klopfer, now deceased, located at Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Jacob Klopfer, who came in 1866, spent his last days in New York city. Mathias Klopfer became a resident of Muncie. Frederick Klopfer received his schooling in his native land and was early apprenticed to the trade of carriage making. Under the terms of the apprentice system there he rendered three years of service at the trade, without compensation, and his father paid the equivalent of $100 to secure for him the opportunity to learn the trade. The hours of labor to which he was indented were no fewer than fourteen a day, and work was the order of every one of these days. Upon completing his apprenticeship Mr. Klopfer worked for a time as a journeyman in his home country and then, at the age of nineteen years, came to America, landing at the port of New York on July 11, 1866. On the



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day following his arrival he declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States and there never since has been any deviation in his sound Americanism. For sixteen months Mr. Klopfer worked at his trade in New York city and then he came West and took employment at Tiffin, Ohio. Two years later he went to Milwaukee and was there employed for about four years, or until in 1873, when he came to Muncie, which ever since has been his home. For three months after coming here Mr. Klopfer worked as a journeyman, getting the lay of the land, and then he bought James Gaston's interest in the Gaston & Bower carriage and wagon shop and became engaged in business with George Bower, under the firm name of Bower & Klopfer, and began to extend the business, manufacturing for the general trade and carrying a large stock in anticipation of the growing demand along this line. This partnership continued until in December, 1880, when Mr. Klopfer sold his interest in the business to his partner and built an establishment of his own at the corner of Main and Jefferson streets, carrying on there with a large force of workmen the manufacture of carriages, buggies and light wagons until in 1916, by which time the rapid development of the automobile industry was beginning to have its effect on the carriage shops and he deemed it the part of good business judgment to close the factory and retire. In the meantime Mr. Klopfer had not been neglecting other forms of investment and upon his retirement found himself in possession of a fair competence. He was one of the organizers of the Muncie Trust Company (now the Merchants Trust and Savings Company) and of the Merchants National Bank and is still included among the stockholders of these institutions and a vice president of both. Since the time of its organization back in the '80s Mr. Klopfer has been an active member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and has served as an officer of that body. Since 1884 he has been affiliated with the Masonic order and has attained to the 32d (Scottish Rite) degree in that ancient order. He also is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is the only survivor of the original board of directors of the Merchants National Bank and of the original board of the Muncie Trust and Savings Company. In 1884 Frederick Klopfer was united in marriage to Clara S. Hummel, daughter of Joseph Hummel, of Muncie, and to this union two children were born, a daughter, Caroline, and a son, Frederick, who died in infancy. In his generation Joseph Hummel was regarded as one of the best bakers in eastern Indiana and he was the founder of an industry which may

be regarded as having been the beginning of "modern" bakery methods in Muncie. The Klopfers have a pleasant home at 110 South Jefferson street.

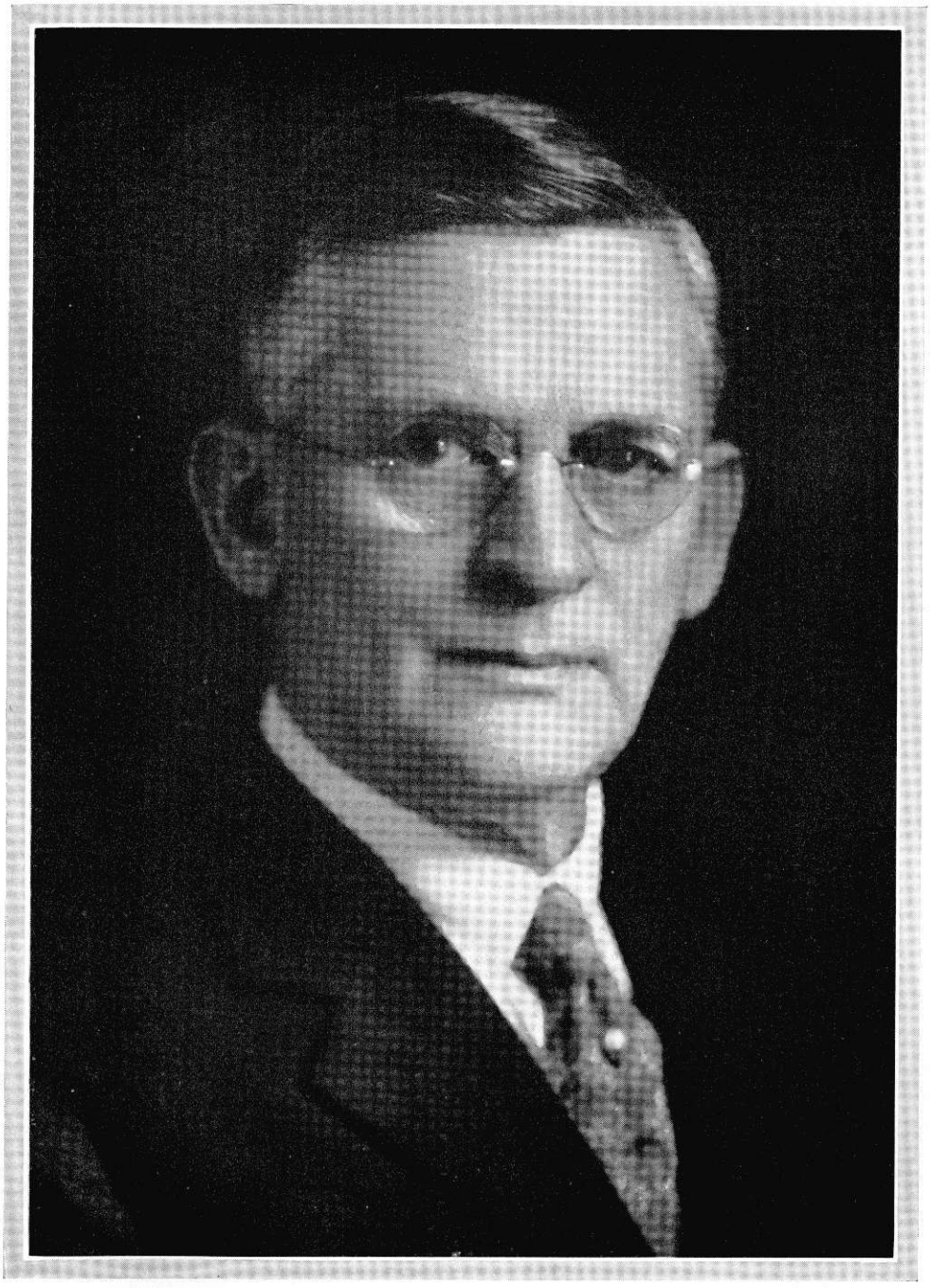
JOSEPH F. STEPHEN, proprietor of a well equipped garage at Muncie and manager of the Buick automobile sales agency in this field, one of the leaders in the local automobile sales business, was born on a farm in the adjacent county of Henry, May 10, 1873, and is a son of Peter R. and Margaret (West) Stephen, the latter of whom was born in that same county, in the Mt. Summit neighborhood, a member of one of the pioneer families in Henry county, the Wests having come into this section of Indiana from Virginia in settlement days. Peter R. Stephen was an Ohioan, born at Harrison, in Hamilton county, and was but a boy when he came to Indiana with his parents, the family settling in Henry county. He grew up to farming and after his marriage followed that vocation and became a landowner in Grant county. He died in 1875. To him and his wife were born three sons, the subject of this sketch, the last born, having two brothers, Jesse A. and William Richard Stephen. Joseph F. Stephen was but two years of age when his father died. Not long afterward his mother moved to Muncie and he thus was reared in this city. He early began working "on his own" and upon leaving school was variously employed until after awhile he became engaged in the real estate business. In the meantime he had become interested in the rapidly developing automobile industry and on November 7, 1917, acquired the local agency for the sale of the Buick automobile, established a sales room in Muncie and has ever since been thus engaged, agent for the sales of the Buick car and also handling used cars, and in this time has sold almost 800 cars in and around Muncie. In 1921 Mr. Stephen erected his present garage and sales room at 209-211 North Walnut street, one of the best established and most thoroughly equipped places of the kind hereabout, and is even now considering plans for the enlargement of his plant, the building of fire proof construction having been designed so that with some alterations its foundations could carry additional weight. Mr. Stephen is a Republican, is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and is also affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. On July 23, 1906, Joseph F. Stephen was united in marriage to Eunice Ames, who was born in the neighboring county of Jay, and he and his wife reside at 102 1-2 West Washington street.

JOHN D. ALLAN, secretary and treasurer of the Silverfild Company of Muncie, manufacturers and jobbers of table silverware, is a native of Scotland but has been a resident of this country for thirty years and more and of Muncie for the past twelve years. Mr. Allan grew up in Scotland. In 1893 he came to the United States and after a sometime residence in New York City, moved to Chicago, where he became engaged in the silverware business, establishing there a manufacturing concern which was developed into the present Silverfild Company. Mr. Allan is a Knight Templar Mason and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. In 1898, at Chicago, Ill., John D. Allan was united in marriage to Jeannette Watt, daughter of Hugh Watt, and to this union three children have been born, Jeannette, John and Margaret, the former of whom is now a teacher in Wilson high school at Muncie. The son is a student at Depauw University and the younger daughter is a senior in Muncie high school.

J. HENRY ORR, works engineer for the Warner Gear Company of Muncie, was born at Hartford, Conn., February 4, 1873, and is a son of John Henry and Caroline (Naedele) Orr, the latter also a native of Hartford and the former, of Jersey City, N. J. Reared at Hartford, J. Henry Orr finished his common schooling in New York city and then entered the College of the City of New York, from which in due course he was graduated. Upon leaving college he became employed on the work then in progress on Ellis Island and thus aided in the construction of the great immigration station there, which took the place of the old Castle Garden station. For two years he was engaged in this fashion and then he went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was employed on construction work for some time or until his return to Hartford, where he became employed in the bicycle industry. In 1897 when the Pope Manufacturing Company began experimenting in the manufacture of automobiles or "horseless carriages" he was installed in the experimental department of that company's plant and took up the mechanical end of automobile construction from a technical point of view and did much to develop this construction along practical lines. For nine years Mr. Orr continued his connection with the Pope people and then, in 1906, he transferred his connection to the great plant of the American Locomotive Company at Providence, R. I., which then had taken over the manufacture of the Alco car, and was installed as foreman of the maintenance department of the plant. Presently he was promoted to the position of general superintendent of the plant and so continued until this company discontinued the manufacture of the car in 1913, when he

was made superintendent and manager of the service department and he was thus engaged until in 1915, when he was called into the service of the Warner Gear Company at Muncie as production manager, a position he occupied until he was made general "works engineer" in 1919, since which time he has had general oversight of the great plant's mechanical operations and production system, one of Indiana's widely recognized mechanical technicians. In 1898 at Hartford, J. Henry Orr was united in marriage to Nellie E. Towne, daughter of D. C. and Alice (Chapman) Towne, and to this union three children have been born, Dorothy, John Henry and Caroline. Mr. and Mrs. Orr are members of Grace Episcopal church. They reside at 601 West Main street. Mr. Orr is a member of Post R of the Travelers Protective Association.

WILLIAM EDWARD HITCHCOCK, president of the Delaware County National Bank of Muncie, president of the Muncie Savings and Loan Company, vice president of the Warner Gear Company, treasurer of the Glascock Manufacturing Company, director of the American Gas and Electric Company of New York City, also of the Warner Electric Company of Muncie and numerous other enterprises, is a New Englander by birth but has been a resident of Muncie for the past forty years. He was thus here engaged in a manufacturing way when Muncie was entering upon her new era of industrial and commercial development back in the '80s and he has ever maintained his position as one of the chief individual factors contributing to that development. Mr. Hitchcock was born in Meriden, Conn., January 30, 1859, the older of two children, a son and a daughter, born to Edward A. and Mary A. (Green) Hitchcock, both of whom also were natives of Connecticut and members of New England Colonial families. He was a child when his parents moved to Ashtabula, Ohio, where his father engaged in the woodworking industries of that city, particularly in the manufacture of bentwood products. It was thus that William Hitchcock came to be reared in Ashtabula. Upon the completion of his school work he became employed as a teller in a bank there, remaining in that line of work until 1876, in which year he returned to the city of his birth and was for three years employed as a bookkeeper in the office of the Meriden Britania Company, manufacturers of silverware. Upon his return to Ashtabula in 1879 he became engaged with his father in the latter's skewer and bentwood works. In 1884, then being twenty-five years of age, Mr. Hitchcock came to Muncie and established a wood-working plant, associating with him in that enterprise J. C. and A. L. Johnson, under



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the name of the Muncie Skewer Company, for the manufacture of skewers, flag sticks, trunk slats, dowels and kindred products. This concern proved successful from the outset and was later incorporated as the American Skewer Company. In 1894, in order to be nearer its source of supply, the plant was removed to Jackson, Tenn., with the general offices remaining in Muncie. Later this enterprise was consolidated with the Weis & Lesh Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of oak and hickory spokes, with factories in Memphis and Jackson, Tenn. In 1919 this concern was sold to the Prudden Wheel Company of Lansing, Mich., Messrs. Hitchcock, Johnson and Morgan taking over the skewer and related products of the business and have since operated it under the name of the Morgan-Hitchcock Company, with factories at Jackson and Serles, Tenn., and general offices at Muncie, in the Johnson Block, with Mr. Hitchcock as secretary and treasurer. The Delaware County Bank, which had its beginning at the time of the opening of the gas boom, was in 1896 reorganized and chartered as a national bank with J. C. Johnson as president and W. E. Hitchcock as vice president. Following Mr. Johnson's death in 1904 Mr. Hitchcock was elected president and has since retained that position. Mr. Hitchcock has always been at the forefront in all activities that have brought Muncie to its present standing as one of the most substantial cities of its size in the country. He was one of the organizers and served as president of the Delaware and Madison Counties Telephone Company until this company was taken over by the Indiana Bell Telephone Company. He was active in building the Muncie, Hartford & Ft. Wayne interurban railway line, and acted as disbursing agent for the government when the postoffice building at Muncie was erected. He was appointed by Governor Matthews as the Republican member and served on the first board of commissioners of the metropolitan police of Muncie. He was elected vice president of the National Manufacturers Association of Indiana in 1901. Also the same year he was appointed a member of Governor Durbin's staff with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Mr. Hitchcock is active in the support of local betterment work, is a member of the board of trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association, the board of governors of the Home Hospital, and for more than twenty years has served on the Beech Grove Cemetery board. From the days of its inception he has taken an interested part in the work of the Commercial Club and the Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Rotary Club. He is a York Rite (Knights Templar) Mason and was reared in the faith of the

Episcopal Church. On September 30, 1885, the year following his arrival in Muncie, Mr. Hitchcock was united in marriage to M. Estella Morehouse, a daughter of Henry and Mary M. Morehouse, of Muncie. To this union three children were born, Edward H., who died at the age of six years; Fred W., who died at the age of four years; and William E., Jr., the surviving son.

CLARK BROTHERS, plumbers and dealers in plumbers supplies at Muncie, is a progressive firm composed of the two brothers, Donald Oliver Clark and Walter Cecil Clark, who in January, 1919, bought the old established plumbing business of James P. Dragoo at 317 East Main street and have since been carrying on there. These brothers were born on a farm in Kosciusko county, Indiana, the former on January 4, 1887, and the latter on September 21, 1889, and are sons of John David and Mary Catherine (Hughes) Clark, the latter of whom, a native of Ohio, is now living in Muncie. John David Clark, who was a native of Indiana, became engaged in farming in Kosciusko county after his marriage and was thus engaged until about 1894, when he left the farm and with his family moved to Warsaw, the county seat, where he died in 1896. To him and his wife were born three sons, the youngest of whom, Everett Odell Clark, is now living in California. Donald O. Clark was seven years of age when his parents moved to Warsaw and his brother Cecil was about five. It was thus that the brothers were reared at Warsaw and in the schools of that city received their schooling. They both learned the plumber's trade there and have thus been practical craftsmen since the days of their youth. In December, 1915, Walter C. Clark located at Muncie and in September, 1917, was joined by Donald O. Clark, the brothers then starting in business under the firm name of Clark Bros., general plumbers. In January, 1919, as noted above, they bought the Dragoo plumbing establishment in Main street and have since been established there, where they are well equipped to take care of all demands in their line. Donald O. Clark is a member of the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and Walter C. Clark is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. In 1909 Donald O. Clark was united in marriage to Evylina Baker and to this union two children have been born, Orville William and Ralph Baker. He and his family reside at 305 Queen street, Riverside, and he and his wife are members of the Normal City Methodist Episcopal church. In 1911 Walter C. Clark married Gladys A. Cole, who died in 1921. He and his mother and children reside at 306 East Wysor street.

WILLIAM H. MOON, secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Moon Machine Company of Muncie, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Muncie since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Moon was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Grant, February 22, 1876, and is a son of Elkanah and Lucinda (Osenbaugh) Moon, the latter of whom was born in Virginia. Elkanah Moon, who had been a resident of Muncie for more than thirty-five years, was born in Clinton county, Ohio, and early became a machinist, a vocation which he had followed with the exception of a few years following his marriage, when he lived on a farm in Grant county. From there he moved to Hartford City and thence, in 1888, to Muncie, where he spent his last days, his death occurring in February, 1923. To him and his wife were born four sons, the subject of this sketch, the third in order of birth, having three brothers, Ellsworth, Jabez T. and Charles R. Moon, the two latter of whom are associated with him in the operations of the Moon Machine Company. William H. Moon was twelve years of age when he came to Muncie with his parents in 1888 and his schooling was completed in the schools of this city. Upon leaving school he became employed in the Boyce bagging mill and was thus engaged for about seven years, at the end of which time he began working in the plant of the Common Sense Engine Works. A year later, when the "dummy" locomotives were installed for service on the Muncie street railway he became an engineer on one of these engines and held that job until finally the lines were electrified. He then began working in the plant of the Ball Bros. Glass Manufacturing Company, operating a stamping press there for about two years and then went to the plant of the Republic Steel and Iron Company as a machinist and was thus employed there for about five years, at the end of which time he decided to go into business "on his own." Rigging up a little machine shop in his father's barn, Mr. Moon started in as a special machinist, taking such jobs as he could handle with his initial equipment, a lathe, a drill press and a shaper. Work began to come in and the shop soon was on its way. Three years later Mr. Moon's brother Charles joined him in the enterprise and a year later, in 1912, they moved out of their barn shop and erected the present plant in North Hackley street at the Pennsylvania railway. Not long afterward Jabez T. Moon joined his brothers in their enterprise and the present Moon Machine Company was organized, with Charles R. Moon as president, Jabez T. Moon as vice president, and William H. Moon, founder of the business, as secretary-treasurer and general manager. This com-

pany specializes in the manufacture of special machinery and tools and in contract work on automobile parts, such as fly wheels, clutch drums, wheel hubs, special parts and the like. The Moons have one of the best appointed machine shops of its kind in the Midwest and they have created a market for their products that extends all over the country. William H. Moon is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and in his political views is an "independent" Republican. Mr. Moon married Wealthy Wilson and resides at 1133 East Washington street. He and his wife are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN W. HARKER, cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank of Muncie, was born at Madison, Wis., February 8, 1897, and is a son of John W. and Ellen E. Harker, both of whom also were born in Wisconsin. The senior John W. Harker has for years been engaged in the banking business at Madison and also is the proprietor of a grain elevator there. The junior John W. Harker was reared at Madison and was graduated from the high school there in 1914. He then entered the Lawrence (Mass.) preparatory school and in the following year entered the University of Wisconsin at Madison and continued in attendance there until 1918, when he entered the United States naval reserves for service during the time of this country's participation in the World war, and was assigned to the officers training camp at Chicago, whence he presently was sent to Cleveland and from there after awhile to New York, where he was in service when mustered out in January, 1919. Upon the completion of his naval service, Mr. Harker became employed in the bond department of the National City Company of New York and was thus connected until he came to Muncie and became associated with the operations of the Delaware County National Bank, with which institution he remained until in February, 1922, when he was elected cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank, which position he now occupies, one of the youngest bank officers in eastern Indiana. Mr. Harker is a Freemason, an Elk and a member of the college fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega. He also is affiliated with the Muncie Club, which he has served as treasurer, the Kiwanis Club, the Ad Club and the Dynamo Club of Muncie. Mr. Harker married Ruth Lucile Ball, daughter of Walter L. Ball, of Muncie, and he and his wife reside at 319 South Mound street. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Harker's father, concerning whom further and fitting mention is made elsewhere in this work, is a veteran member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court and a former senator from this district in the upper house of the Indiana General Assembly.

JOHN W. HARKER

ORA C. NORTON, president of The Hartley Agency of Muncie, home building and financing and general realtors, began his connection with this concern years ago and has ever since been associated with it, rising to be president of the organization. Mr. Norton is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Liberty township in 1879 and is a son of Albert and Eva (Harbaugh) Norton, the former of whom was born in Logan county, Ohio, and the latter in Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, the Harbaughs having been represented in this county since settlement days. Reared on the home farm, Ora C. Norton received his schooling in the local schools and early became attracted to the real estate business, becoming associated with the late John J. Hartley in the latter's general realty agency and home-financing office. Following the death of Mr. Hartley in 1912 this agency was reorganized as The Hartley Agency and Mr. Norton was elected president of the concern, a position which he since has occupied, with offices at 116 1-2 East Main street. The Hartley Agency is widely recognized as having been an important factor in the upbuilding and expansion of the city of Muncie, its particular province being the financing of home building. In this important behalf this agency has financed the building of more than 350 homes in Muncie, fifty-seven of these having been financed and built during the past year. Mr. Norton is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and he and his wife are members of the Baptist church. Ora C. Norton married Sylvia Thomas, who also was born in this county, daughter of Richard Thomas, and has three children, Kenneth, Margaret and Dean. The Nortons reside at 120 the Granville road.

LANCE M. COONS, judge of the Muncie city police court, a former justice of the peace in and for Center township, and who also is engaged in the automobile business in Muncie, has been a resident of that city for nearly thirty years. Judge Coons was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Ogden, in Champaign county, Illinois, in December, 1863, and is a son of Jacob and Martha J. (Freeman) Coons, the latter of whom was born in that same county, a member of one of the real pioneer families there. Jacob Coons was born in Ohio. He and his wife had three sons, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, John L. and Jacob I. Coons. Reared on the home farm in Illinois, Lance M. Coons received his schooling in the schools of his neighboring village and remained on the farm until he was twenty years of age, when he became engaged in railroading

and became an expert telegraph operator, a vocation he followed for some time or until he became engaged in the mercantile business at Columbia, Mo. In 1897 Mr. Coons disposed of his interests in Missouri and came to Indiana, locating at Muncie, where he ever since has resided. Upon his arrival here he became engaged in the mercantile business, but not long afterward retired from that line and took up the real estate business, becoming a dealer in lands in the Southwest. While thus engaged he was elected justice of the peace and for six years served in that magisterial capacity. Retiring from the real estate field, Mr. Coons then became engaged in the automobile business, a member of the Walnut Automobile Company, and is still connected with the automobile business in Muncie. In the last city election he was elected judge of the Muncie city police court and has been serving in that capacity since entering upon the duties of that office on January 1, 1922. The city court is carried on in the old city hall building at the corner of Jackson and Jefferson streets. Judge Coons is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Woodmen. Lance M. Coons married Mary E. Lopp, daughter of Samuel and Margaret B. (Endler) Lopp, and to this union one child was born, a daughter, Maenette, who married Lewis Clayton and died at the age of twenty-seven years. Judge and Mrs. Coons reside at 225 West Washington street.

RAY A. SCHUSTER, secretary of The Moore Company, manufacturers of bed springs and steel cots at Muncie, has been a resident of that city for nearly fifteen years and has thus become a well known figure in the industrial activities of the city. Mr. Schuster was born at Bellevue, in Huron county, Ohio, July 10, 1888, and is a son of John and Mary C. (Ocker) Schuster, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. John Schuster, who is now living retired at Bellevue, grew to manhood in that city and was for years engaged in railroad service there as a locomotive engineer. Ray A. Schuster was graduated from the Bellevue high school in 1906 and then took a course in a business college at Sandusky. When in January, 1907, the J. L. Moore Manufacturing Company was organized at Bellevue he became a stockholder in the concern and was elected secretary-treasurer of the company. In 1909 the plant of this company was moved from Bellevue to Muncie and Mr. Schuster ever since has been a resident of the latter city. Upon moving to Indiana this company was reorganized under the laws of this state and incorporated as the Moore Manufacturing Company, a trade name which was maintained

until its reorganization in 1919 as The Moore Company, the Moore brothers (J. L. and C. G.) being respectively president and vice president and Mr. Schuster secretary. This company's specialty is the manufacture of bed springs, with particular reference to coiled wire and linked wire bed springs and steel cots. When the plant was established at Muncie (Westside) in 1910 it employed around thirty persons and had a daily capacity of 150 bed springs. As the market for its product grew it expanded until now the plant occupies about 60,000 square feet of floor space, gives employment to more than 100 persons and has a daily capacity of 600 bed springs and steel cots, its widely known products doing much to extend the fame of Muncie as a manufacturing city. Mr. Schuster also is secretary-treasurer of Electric Appliances, Inc. (Westside). He is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the board of control of the influential Exchange Club and is also a member of the Muncie Club and a former member of the board of directors of the same; also secretary of the Delaware Country Club. He is a Knight Templar Mason and is also a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his wife are members of the First Baptist church and he formerly was a teacher in the Sunday school of that congregation. In 1915 Ray A. Schuster was united in marriage to Mary E. Leffler, of Muncie, daughter of Judge Joseph G. Leffler, concerning whom further and fitting mention is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union two daughters have been born, Rebecca Ann and Nancy Jean. The Schusters reside at 310 South Proud street.

ANSON A. BIBLER, veteran oil man and coal dealer at Muncie, has been a resident of that city for nearly twenty years, an experienced oil man who came over here from Ohio to take part in the development of the oil fields hereabout at a time when oil development was a much more promising field of endeavor than it now seems to be. Mr. Bibler is a native of the old Buckeye state, born at Findlay, Ohio, April 20, 1878, and is a son of Eli Henry and Mary E. Bibler, both of whom also were born in Ohio, members of pioneer families in that state. Eli Henry Bibler was a life long farmer, owner of a farm on the outskirts of Findlay. Reared on that farm, Anson A. Bibler received his schooling in the Findlay schools and at the age of sixteen years began working in the Ohio oil fields, becoming an experienced field man and driller. For more than ten vears he worked along these lines in Ohio and then in 1905 came over here into Indiana and located at Muncie, which ever since has been his

home. For some time after locating at Muncie, Mr. Bibler was engaged in drilling in the local oil fields and then he took up the retail oil business, which he followed until in 1911 when he extended his operations to include a general wholesale business in oil, gasoline and grease, to which in 1916 he added coal and has since been thus engaged, with a well equipped yard and supply station at 1619 South Liberty street, where he is prepared to meet all demands in his line. Mr. Bibler is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Jackson street Christian church, of which he formerly was a deacon. In 1898 Anson A. Bibler was united in marriage to Rosa Friend, daughter of John Friend, and to this union have been born five children, Lester David, Alice Marie, Clovis A., Robert H. and Pauline E., two of whom are married. Lester D. Bibler married Vera Moomaw and Alice Marie Bibler married Harvey Riley. Mrs. Bibler's father, John Friend, was a native of Germany who came to the United States with his parents as a boy, the family locating at Norwalk, Ohio. He later became a resident of Findlay.

JAMES S. McLEARIE, of the Superior Pattern Works, Muncie, is a native of the Keystone state and was reared in Ohio but has been a resident of Indiana for more than twenty years and of Muncie for thirteen years and more. Mr. McLearie was born in the city of Pittsburg, Pa., May 12, 1873, and is a son of James and Annabelle (Smith) McLearie, both natives of Scotland and the latter of whom came to this country with her parents in the days of her girlhood, the family locating at Pittsburg. James McLearie was trained in the iron industry in his native land and in 1871 came to the United States and not long afterward started a foundry in Pittsburg. He married there about the same time and established his home there, but presently disposed of his interests in that city and moved with his family to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was placed in charge of a foundry and where he was for years thereafter thus connected. He and his wife are the parents of seven children. James S. McLearie was but a child when his parents moved to Cleveland. He received his schooling in the schools of that city and upon leaving school entered upon an apprenticeship to a pattern maker and thus became thoroughly qualified as an artisan in that line, a vocation he ever since has followed. Mr. McLearie married when he was twenty-five years of age and three years later, in 1904, came to Indiana and located at Kokomo as pattern maker in the Apperson plant at that place, his service there thus including the making of some of the patterns for the first Apperson automobiles. In 1911 Mr. McLearie came to Muncie as

superintendent of the pattern shop of the Warner Gear Company and continued this connection for ten years or until in 1921, when he formed his present connection with the plant and operations of the Superior Pattern Works, 303 South Liberty street, and has ever since been thus engaged, this service covering a wide range of activity in pattern production, for the Superior Pattern Works has created a wide market for the products of its handicraftsmanship. It was on October 23, 1901, at Cleveland, that James S. McLearie was united in marriage to Minnie G. Gymer, who was born in England and who had come to the United States with her parents, George and Mahalia Gymer, in 1885, and to this union three children have been born, Elizabeth, James and Katherine. The McLearie family are members of the Presbyterian church. They reside at 320 Ashland avenue.

HARRY L. McCULLOUGH, proprietor of the Ideal Electric Shop at Muncie and a general electrical contractor of wide experience, is a veteran in the electrical field in Indiana and has been engaged in that field at Muncie for nearly twenty-five years. Mr. McCullough was born at Richmond, Ind., May 18, 1873, and is a son of Lewis H. and Mary (O'Hara) McCullough, the former of whom attained wide fame as an inventor in the early days of electrical development in this country. The late Lewis H. McCullough was born at Wadington, Del., and as a young man located at Richmond, Ind. He was an ingenious inventor and when electricity began to be applied to practical uses turned his whole attention to that amazing field, with a record of achievement including the invention of a system of fire-alarm signals which served as the forerunner of the present widely used Gamewell system and the invention of the wire cable system now so commonly in use. His grandfather, Jethro McCullough, first applied the process which made possible the manufacture of galvanized iron and was also the first vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Lewis H. McCullough was an important factor in the development of the Western Electric Company back in 1880. His last days were spent at Richmond. Reared at Richmond, Harry L. McCullough received his schooling in the schools of that city and early turned his attention to mechanical and electrical pursuits. His first work at Richmond was with the old Hoosier drill works and when that concern presently put in their electrical equipment he helped to instal the same and was given charge of the electrical plant. That was in the "pioneer" days of electrical installation, in the days when the old type "hair pin" lamp was used. When the Eastern Indiana Hospital for the Insane was erected at Richmond in the '90s, Mr.

McCullough left the drill works and took employment at the hospital where he installed the telephone system. In 1899 he was called to Muncie to install the electric plant at the works of the Republic Iron and Steel Company here and then was given charge of their gas engine, as well as the engines in the gas fields east of town, and was thus employed until given charge of the municipal electric light plant at Muncie, this plant then being located at Madison and Wysor streets. A year later Mr. McCullough decided to go into business "on his own" and with this end in view set up a small electrical shop and has ever since been thus engaged, doing general electrical contract work and dealing in general electrical supplies. In 1914 he established his present Ideal Electric Shop at 113 West Howard street and has since been located there with a full equipment for taking care of all demands in his line. Mr. McCullough is a member of the Indiana Electrical Contractors Association and is affiliated with the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Universalist church. In 1892 Harry L. McCullough was united in marriage to Madge Fender, daughter of John M. Fender, of Liberty, Ind., and to this union two children have been born, a daughter, Beatrice, and a son, Robert McCullough, the latter of whom is now connected with the operations of the Muncie Products Company. Beatrice McCullough married Daniel Hoover and has two children, sons both, John and Richard. The McCulloughs reside at 1110 South Jefferson street.

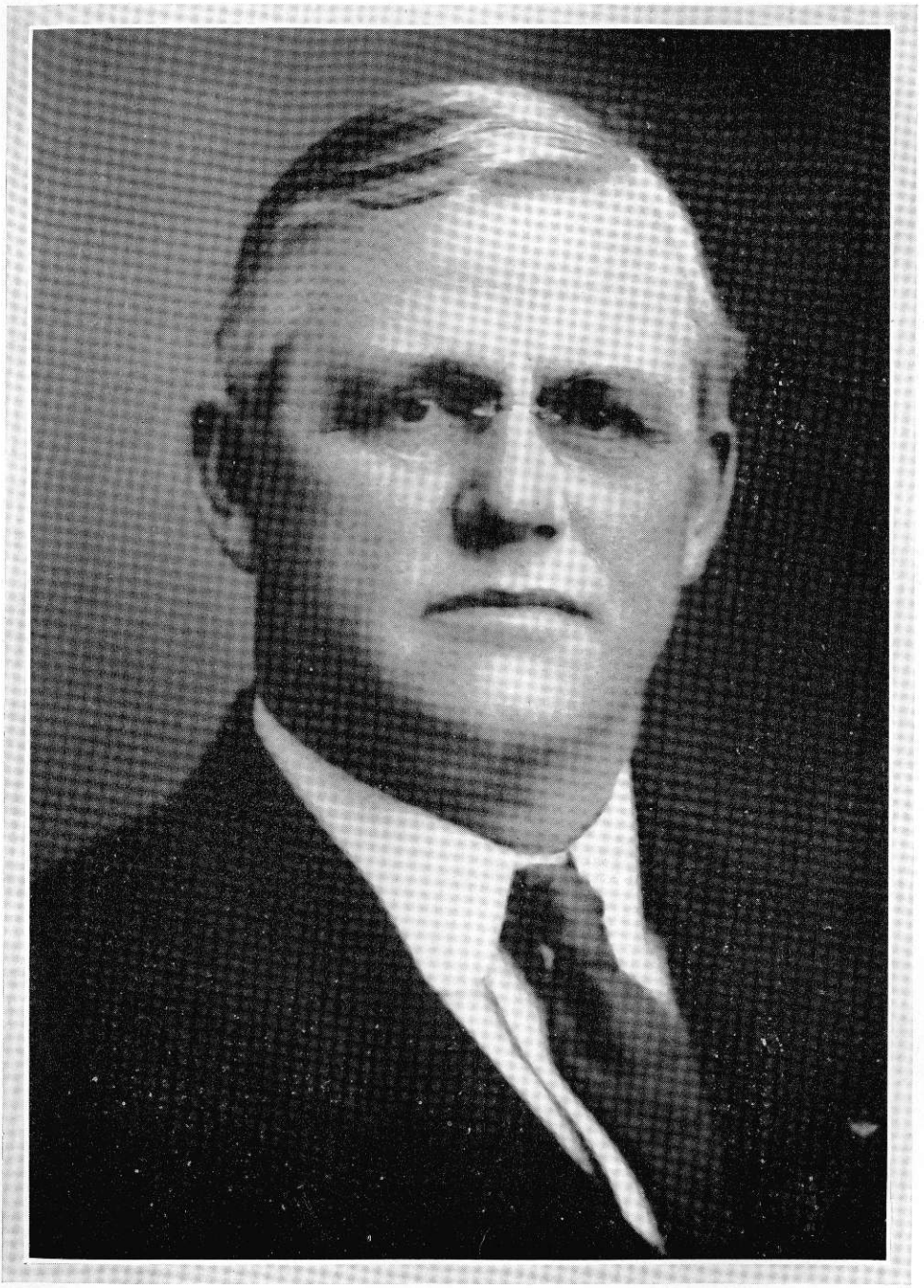
GEORGE A. TAYLOR, general manager of the plant and the concerns of the Durham Manufacturing Company of Muncie, "the world's largest makers of fireless stoves," was born at Lucas, Mich., July 23, 1887, and is a son of Weller H. and Alice P. (Keepers) Taylor. In 1912 he was graduated from the University of Michigan, having there specialized in electrical engineering, and upon leaving the university took employment with the General Electric Company, in whose behalf he traveled for about two years, in equipment, sales and construction service. At the end of this time he married and then transferred his connection to the Detroit Edison Company and later to the Hoskins Manufacturing Company, as superintendent of the shop and special traveling representative, and was thus connected until in 1919, when he became general manager of the plant of the Durham Manufacturing Company of Muncie, which position he now occupies. It was in 1914 that Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Jessie L. Dailey, of Manistee, Mich., and to this union one child has been born, a

daughter, Jessie R. As noted above, the Durham Manufacturing Company is referred to as "the world's largest makers of fireless stoves," its celebrated "Duplex" fireless stoves and equipment, aluminum cooking vessels, disk heaters and the like, being the special product of the plant, which employs about fifty persons. These fireless stoves are made in a half dozen or more sizes and styles, thus providing "a model that will fit any household," and their popularity has created for them a wide market throughout the country, so that the Durham products have done much to extend the name and fame of "Magic Muncie." The Durham Manufacturing Company was incorporated in 1907 by the late J. E. Durham and the late J. M. Maring and their associates and has an admirable manufacturing plant at Mound and Cleveland streets. The present officers of the company are E. B. Ball, president; H. R. Bard, superintendent; Frank B. Bernard, vice president; Fred Durham, secretary, H. C. Johnson, treasurer, and George A. Taylor, general manager.

ARTHUR PHILIP EMMERT, general superintendent of the plant of the Warner Gear Company, one of the leading industries of Muncie, is a "Buckeye" by birth but a "Hoosier" by adoption and has had no occasion to regret the choice which made him a citizen of Indiana and of Muncie some twelve years ago. Mr. Emmert was born at Hamilton, Ohio, August 30, 1884, and is the second in order of birth of the six children born to John and Caroline (Geisler) Emmert, both of whom were born in that same county—Butler county—and who are still living, making their home at Hamilton, where for years John Emmert has been a department head in the plant of the Niles Tool Works. He is a son of Leonard Emmert, a native of Germany, who located in Butler county, upon coming to this country many years ago. His wife's father, Philip Geisler, also came to this country from Germany and settled in Butler county. Reared at Hamilton, Arthur Philip Emmert received a limited schooling in the schools of that city and early devoted himself, under the thoughtful direction of his father, a skilled machinist, to the machinist's trade. After an apprenticeship of four years in the plant of the Niles Tool Works at Hamilton he went to Detroit in 1905, he then being twenty-one years of age, and became a foreman in a plant engaged in the manufacture of steam engines. In the next year he married. In 1909 he became interested in the growing industry attendant on the manufacture of automobile parts and accessories and transferred his connection to a branch of the General Motors Corporation at Detroit, where he remained for two years, at the end of which time he accepted a posi-

tion as superintendent of the plant of a company engaged in the manufacture of motor parts at Cleveland and moved to the latter city. In the following year (1912) he came to Muncie, entering the plant of the Warner Gear Company as "trouble man" and foreman of the gear department of that thriving industry. Not long afterward he was made assistant to the general superintendent of the plant, later was advanced to the position of production manager and presently by further promotion in service was made general superintendent of the plant, the position he now occupies. It was in 1906, the year following his departure from Hamilton, that Arthur Philip Emmert was united in marriage to Maude Post, of that city, and to this union two children have been born, a son, Forrest M., and a daughter, Marjorie B. Mr. and Mrs. Emmert are members of the Jackson Street Christian church and Mr. Emmert is one of the elders of the congregation. He is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the Exchange Club, is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias.

DR. JOHN C. QUICK, mayor of Muncie, former county health officer, for nearly forty years a practicing physician at Muncie, has been a resident of this county since the days of his childhood. Doctor Quick was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Frankton, in the neighboring county of Madison, December 4, 1862, and is a son of Joseph A. and Mary E. (Love) Quick, the latter of whom was a native of Ireland, born on January 2, 1837, and was twelve years of age when she came to this country with her parents, James and Jane (Johnson) Love, in 1849, the family coming on out into Indiana and settling in Franklin county, whence they presently moved up to Madison county, where they established their home. James Love and his wife both were natives of Ireland, the former born in 1812 and the latter in 1814. Following the death of his wife in Madison county, James Love went to Minnesota, where his last days were spent. Joseph A. Quick was born in the Middletown neighborhood in the adjacent county of Henry, February 8, 1839, and was a son of John and Nancy (Clary) Quick, the latter of whom, a native of Hamilton county, Ohio, died in 1843. John Quick also was born in Ohio, in Territorial days. In 1827, the year in which Delaware county was erected as a separate civic unit in the then growing group of Indiana counties, he came into this state and entered a tract of a quarter of a section of land in the Middletown settlement in Henry county, which county had been erected in 1822. On that place he made his home until in 1858, when he moved over into Madison county, where his



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last days were spent, his death occurring there in 1881. When Joseph A. Quick was sixteen years of age he began clerking in a store and was thus engaged until his marriage at the age of twenty-one, after which he rented his father's farm in Madison county and began farming. A year later he bought a place of his own there and continued farming in that county until in 1866, when he disposed of his interests in Madison county and moved over into Delaware county, buying a farm of 240 acres in Harrison township, to which place he presently added another "forty" and thus became the owner of a farm of 280 acres. It was in 1866 that Joseph A. Quick settled in Harrison township. Four years later, in 1870, he was elected township trustee, and served for four years. Twice afterward he was elected to this office and thus in all rendered twelve years of service as trustee of Harrison township, for years having been regarded as one of the leaders of the Republican party in that section of the county. Joseph A. Quick died at his home in this county on June 30, 1913, he then being in his seventy-fourth year. It was on January 2, 1860, that he married Mary Love. To that union were born four children, two daughters, Lizzie J. (deceased) and Nettie J., and two sons, Dr. James M. Quick and Dr. John C. Quick, of Muncie. Dr. John C. Quick was but four years of age when his parents moved from Madison county to Delaware county, and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Harrison township. He early devoted himself to the study of medicine and after completing preparatory studies here entered the old Physio-Medical College at Indianapolis, and in 1886 was graduated from that institution. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor Quick opened an office for the practice of his profession at Muncie and has ever since been located here, with present downtown office at 114 East Howard street and office and residence at 421 South Mulberry street, where he has been located for the past twenty-five years and more. The Doctor is a member of the American Medical Association, of the Indiana Medical Association and of the Delaware-Blackford Medical Society. Doctor Quick is a Republican. In 1919 he was appointed health officer for Delaware county and was thus serving when in 1921 he was elected mayor of Muncie, in which executive office he now is serving. On April 10, 1888, Dr. John C. Quick was united in marriage to Effie L. Langsdon, who was born and reared in Harrison township, this county, daughter of Martin and Hannah (Green) Langsdon, and to this union three daughters have been born, namely: Elma, wife of Austin B. Claypool, now living in Alberta, Canada; Leola, who died at the age

of twelve years, and Mary, wife of Harry Dean, now living at Boston, Mass. Doctor and Mrs. Quick are members of the Jackson Street Christian (Disciples) church.

JAMES E. STURGEON, head of the Sturgeon Grain and Coal Company of Muncie, has been a resident of Muncie for the past ten years and more. Mr. Sturgeon was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Portland, in the neighboring county of Jay, April 11, 1870, and is a son of Samuel N. and Mary (Allen) Sturgeon, the latter of whom was born in that same county, a daughter of Ebenezer Allen, who had come into Indiana from Preble county, Ohio, and had become one of the pioneers of Jay county. Samuel N. Sturgeon, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Perry county, Ohio, a son of James Sturgeon, a native of Harrisburgh, Pa., and a son of Jeremiah Sturgeon, who had come to this country from Scotland and had settled in Pennsylvania. Samuel N. Sturgeon came into Indiana in the days of his young manhood and was living here when the Civil war broke out. He served as a soldier of the Union, a member of the 147th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and with that command was with Grant's army when Lee surrendered. Upon the completion of his military service he returned to Indiana and after his marriage located in the vicinity of Portland and there became engaged in farming. In 1875 he moved with his family to Kansas, where his wife died in 1878. In 1880 he returned to Indiana and here spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1895. He was an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He and his wife were the parents of eight children. James E. Sturgeon was eight years of age when his mother died. He was reared to farm life and his schooling was received in the common schools. He was ten years of age when his father returned to Jay county from Kansas and he grew to manhood on the farm there. When twenty-two years of age he married and thereafter continued farming for two years, at the end of which time he became engaged in the feed business at Portland, where he made his home. He later became engaged in the business of buying and shipping horses and was thus engaged for six years, at the end of which time he became employed in the immigration department of a North Dakota land company and for two years was engaged in traveling in that connection, locating immigrants on farms in North Dakota. Then he took up the tile industry, operated a tile factory for a year, and then took over a flour mill in Wayne county, an industry he maintained for two years, or until in 1913, when he disposed of his interests in that county and moved to Muncie, where he estab-

lished his present business and has since been thus engaged, with his sales establishment and coal yards at Jefferson and Seymour streets, handling coal and coke, grain, flour and a general line of feeds, with particular reference to the Quaker Oats line, his two sons and his daughter being closely associated with him in the business. Mr. Sturgeon is a member of the local camp of the Sons of Veterans, is a member of the Knights of Pythias and he and his sons are Masons and members of the local post of the Travelers Protective Association, while he and his wife and children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. It was on June 28, 1892, while living in Jay county, that James E. Sturgeon was united in marriage to Cora A. Starr, who also was born in that county, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Leland Merit, who died in infancy; Lawrence L., who is associated with his father in business, and Lea A. and Leah A. (twins), both of whom also are taking part in the operation of the Sturgeon Grain and Coal Company. Lea A. Sturgeon is a veteran of the World war and a member of the local post of the American Legion. He had his military training in the S. A. T. C. of Indiana University and was with the Tank Corps upon the conclusion of the war. He married Helen Moore. Lawrence L. Sturgeon married Wilma Hawkins and has one child, a daughter, Betty Marie.

RICHARD OLIVER NABRING, freight agent for the Central Indiana Railway Company at Muncie and a wholesale dealer in coal in that city, is a native of Missouri but has been a resident of Indiana since he was ten years of age. Mr. Nabring was born at Dewitt, Mo., November 22, 1884, and is a son of Richard Henry and Matilda Frances (Smalley) Nabring, the latter of whom is still living, a resident of Muncie for nearly twenty years. She was born in Kentucky, a daughter of Oliver Smalley, who was a Confederate soldier during the time of the Civil war, serving under General Lee. The late Richard Henry Nabring was born in Missouri, a son of Henry Nabring, a native of Germany, who for some time after his arrival in this country was engaged in the hotel business at Mobile, Ala., and then made his home in Missouri. Reared in Missouri, Richard Henry Nabring was trained as a farmer and for some time after his marriage followed that vocation, later taking up the real estate business. In 1894 he moved with his family to Indiana and located at Fox Station, in Grant county. Two years later he moved to Upland and there made his home for ten years, at the end of which time, in 1906, he moved to Muncie and here spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1920, he then being sixty-four years of age. Of

the children born to him and his wife, four grew to maturity, three daughters and the son, subject of this sketch. Richard Oliver Nabring was ten years of age when his parents came with their family to Indiana in 1894 and his schooling was completed in the schools of Upland, in the neighboring county of Grant. When sixteen years of age, in 1900, he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Lines as a student in the railway office at Upland and in 1903 was made clerk in that office. Two years later he left the railway employ for a time and for a year was engaged in the plant of the Advance Glass Company at Upland, but a year later returned to railway service and remained in the employ of the Pennsylvania, serving in various stations and in various capacities, until in 1909, when he became employed in the Kitselman Bros. plant at Muncie, where he remained until in 1911, when he took his present position with the Indiana Central Railway Company, as freight agent for that company at Muncie. In 1915 Mr. Nabring became engaged in the wholesale coal business at Muncie, carrying on this line in addition to his railway work, and has since been thus engaged, carrying on this latter business under his own name. Mr. Nabring is a Scottish Rite and Knight Templar Mason and is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church.

HERBERT G. AUSTIN, formerly of the firm of Austin & Porter, wholesale milk dealers at Muncie, now living retired, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. Mr. Austin was born on a farm on the Centennial pike just at the edge of the city of Muncie, November 12, 1890, and is the son and only child of Charles M. and Lillian (Dick) Austin, the latter of whom also was born in this county, and who are still living on their farm on the Centennial pike. Charles M. Austin is a Virginian by birth and was but a child when he came to Indiana with his parents, Eugene Austin and wife, the family settling on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Muncie. It was here that Charles M. Austin grew to manhood. He received his schooling in the Muncie schools and formerly and for years was engaged as a school teacher, serving for a time as principal of the schools at Greensburg and at New Albany and later in the Muncie city schools. Herbert G. Austin supplemented the schooling he received in the Muncie city schoools by a course in the university at Valparaiso and then continued on the home farm until in 1916, when he became engaged in the wholesale milk business at Muncie in association with W. T. Porter, doing business under the firm name of the Austin & Porter Milk Company, and was thus engaged until in 1922

when ill health compelled him to dispose of his business interests and he since then has been living temporarily retired. On April 19, 1917, Herbert G. Austin was united in marriage to Hazel Fuson, who also was born in this county, February 19, 1893, daughter of Thomas and Mary E. (Thomas) Fuson, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Virginia. The Austins reside at 1924 Centennial avenue. Mr. Austin is a member of the college fraternity Phi Delta Kappa. Mrs. Austin also is a member of one of the pioneer families of Delaware county, her grandfather, John C. Fuson, having come over here from Ohio with his family in 1848 and settled in Monroe township. He became a well-to-do landowner in that township and spent the rest of his life there, his death occurring in October, 1890. His son, Thomas Fuson, father of Mrs. Austin, was born in January, 1845, and was thus but three years of age when he came to Delaware county with his parents. Though but sixteen years of age when the Civil war broke out he got into the service of the Union army and served as a soldier for two years or until discharged in 1863 because of physical disability. He became the owner of a good farm in Monroe township and for ten years and more served as a member of the advisory board of that township. Mrs. Austin's mother was born in North Carolina, a daughter of Magnum and Sarah (Harrold) Thomas, who came to Indiana with their family in 1864 and settled in Henry county. She married Thomas Fuson in December, 1881.

CHARLES VENEMAN, proprietor of a well established furniture store at 120 South Mulberry street, Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life, interested in merchandising from the days of his youth. Mr. Veneman was born in 1878 and is a son of Homer and Mary E. (Langston) Veneman, the latter of whom was a daughter of Martin and Hannah (Greene) Langston, who had come here from Ohio. Homer Veneman, a member of one of the pioneer families of Delaware county, was for years engaged in mercantile business in Harrison township. He and his wife were the parents of three children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Myrtle, and a brother, Frank Veneman. Reared to the mercantile business, Charles Veneman has followed that line all his life. Upon completing his schooling he became employed in a retail dry goods store at Muncie and was thus employed until in 1912, when he became engaged in business on his own account, opening his present furniture store in South Mulberry street and has ever since been thus engaged in business, having an admirably equipped store and a stock of goods equal to all the demands of his trade. Charles Vene-

man married Carrie Mitchell, daughter of Marcellus and Ella Mitchell, and he and his wife have one child, a son, Charles W. Veneman. Mr. and Mrs. Veneman are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They reside at 311 West Washington street. Mr. Veneman is a member of the board of directors of the Citizens Finance Association of Muncie and secretary of that association and also has interests in several manufacturing concerns in the city.

CHARLES C. WILLIAMS, one of Muncie's well known plumbers, has been a resident of Muncie since 1910. Mr. Williams was born at Carlisle, in Nicholas county, Kentucky, in 1882, and is a son of John W. and Deborah (Glasscock) Williams. He early became trained in the plumbing and steam fitting line and thus from the days of his boyhood has been thus engaged. His first work in this line was performed at Columbus, Ohio, and he later was engaged in the same line at Kansas City, Mo., from which place he went to Elgin, Ill., and in this latter city was engaged in the plumbing business until in 1910, when he came to Muncie, which ever since has been his place of residence. In 1915 Mr. Williams became associated with William Lyman in the plumbing business and presently succeeded to that business, of which he since has been sole proprietor, with present establishment at No. 1225-1227 East Main street, where he is well equipped to answer all calls in his line. Mr. Williams has made some of the most extensive plumbing installations put up in Muncie, including that of the plant of the Warner display room and others of large importance. Charles C. Williams married Gertrude Young-Kin. He is a Freemason.

DEAN DEWITT BINKLEY, secretary-treasurer and general manager of the White City Lumber Company of Muncie, was born at Goshen, Ind., April 6, 1892, and is a son of Benjamin C. and Henrietta (Weybright) Binkley, the latter of whom also was born in Indiana and who are still living in that city. Benjamin C. Binkley, a machinist, is a native of New York state, but has for many years been a resident of Goshen. He and his wife are parents of eight children. Reared at Goshen, Dean Dewitt Binkley was graduated from the high school of that city and early became attracted to the lumber business, not long after leaving school taking a position in the office of a lumber concern at Indiana Harbor, where he became thoroughly familiar with the details of the lumber business. Mr. Binkley remained at Indiana Harbor until in the latter part of 1919 when he became a factor in the organization of the White City Lumber Company, which bought the yards and business of the old H. C. R.

Wall lumber establishment at Muncie and on December 27 of that year took over the old lumber yard and with numerous modern improvements in the plant has since been carrying on the business, with a well equipped lumber yard and mill in Mock avenue. This company not only does a general retail lumber business but has a good plant for mill work. Mr. Binkley is the secretary-treasurer of the company and general manager of the business, the other officers being William H. Campbell, president, and W. H. Campbell, vice president. In 1917 Dean Dewitt Binkley was united in marriage to Glenn Call and to this union two sons have been born, Dean Dewitt, Jr., and Maxwell Call Binkley. Mr. and Mrs. Binkley are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Binkley is a Freemason, a member of Muncie chapter, No. 30, Royal Arch Masons, and of Muncie council, No. 16, Royal and Select Masters; also a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is affiliated with the Muncie Kiwanis Club.

F. CARL PITTENGER, secretary-treasurer of the National Clay Products and Silo Company of Muncie, was born on a farm in the eastern part of Delaware county, about midway between Albany and Selma, November 9, 1888, and is a son of Fletcher D. and Alice R. (Shroyer) Pittenger, both of whom were members of pioneer families in that part of the county, the former a son of the Rev. John A. Pittenger, who in his generation was widely known hereabout as a local Methodist preacher. Fletcher D. Pittenger was a farmer, operating the place on which his wife was born, the old Anthony Shroyer farm in Liberty township. Of the three children born to him and his wife the subject of this sketch alone survives. Reared on the home farm, F. Carl Pittenger was graduated from the Selma high school and not long afterward became employed as a traveling salesman for a Kalamazoo (Mich.) tank and silo company. For five years he remained thus employed and then he transferred his services to the Indianapolis branch of the John Deere Plow Company, with which concern he was connected for five years, or until in 1920, when he became connected with the National Clay Products and Silo Company of Muncie, which was organized in that year by W. W. Wingate, president of the company, as is set out elsewhere, and has since been serving as secretary and treasurer of the company. This company was incorporated for the purpose of manufacturing clay products, hollow building tile and silos a specialty, and has plants at Brazil and Monroe, Ind., with offices in the Neely block at Muncie, and has developed a good business in its line. In 1919 F.

C. Pittenger was united in marriage to Mabel E. Rose, of Muncie, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Robert C. Mr. and Mrs. Pittenger are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Pittenger is a Freemason.

FRANK B. BERNARD, president of the Merchants National Bank, vice president of the Merchants Trust and Savings Company of Muncie, a director of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and in other ways interested in the commercial and industrial activities of the city, is a native of the old Buckeye state but is a Hoosier by choice and adoption and has been a resident of Muncie for the past twenty years. Mr. Bernard was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Wilmington, in Clinton county, Ohio, and is a son of John William and Clara (Thatcher) Bernard, both of whom also were born in Ohio and the former of whom died when his son Frank was a child. Reared on the home farm in Clinton county, Ohio, Frank B. Bernard was graduated from the Sabina high school and in 1904 came over into Indiana to attend the business college at Muncie. Upon the completion of this course of instruction in business forms he became employed as a clerk in the Merchants National Bank of Muncie and was thus engaged for three years, meantime taking a year's work in the Muncie high school, and in 1908 was graduated from that school. He then entered the University of Michigan for a course in accountancy and banking and presently was elected a member of the faculty of that institution, from which in 1912 he received his A. B. degree. Upon retiring from school work in 1912 Mr. Bernard became engaged as a professional accountant and was thus engaged for about a year, at the end of which time, in 1913, his services were secured by the Merchants National Bank as manager of the savings and investment department of that institution. In 1916 he was elected to a place on the board of directors of that bank and made vice president of the bank. In 1919 when the Merchants Trust and Savings Company was organized he became a member of the directorate of that institution and was made vice president of the company, which position he still occupies. Following the death of Hardin Roads, president of the Merchants National Bank, in May, 1923, Mr. Bernard was elected president of the bank and is thus now serving in that administrative capacity. The vice presidents of this bank are C. F. Koontz, F. D. Rose and Fred Klopfer; B. F. Shroyer is cashier, and F. D. Conyers, T. P. Mann and C. C. Wingate are assistant cashiers. Eugene Vatet is chairman of the board of directors and the other members of the directorate, besides the officers of the

FRANK B. BERNARD

bank above mentioned, are E. B. Ball, E. Arthur Ball, George A. Ball, Joseph A. Goddard, Myron H. Gray, A. L. Kitselman, C. A. Penzel, W. M. Sample, W. C. Sampson, D. O. Skillen, C. L. Retherford, J. W. Truitt and George W. Wagner. Associated with Mr. Bernard (vice president) in the officiary of the Merchants Trust and Savings Company are F. D. Rose, president; Fred Klopfer, second vice president; H. M. Koontz, secretary; Dale Shreeve, treasurer, and H. B. Shriner, assistant secretary. The Merchants National Bank, operating under charter No. 2234, is a member of the Federal Reserve System. A recent consolidated statement of the condition of this bank and of its subsidiary, the Merchants Trust and Savings Company, reveals the combined resources of the two institutions to be near $7,000,000, the resources of the bank aggregating right around $5,000,000. Mr. Bernard also has interests in other commercial and industrial enterprises about town and is the secretary of the T. J. Ault company, commission merchants; vice president of the Durham Manufacturing Company and a member of the directorate of the Kuhner Packing Company. He is one of the directors of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, of which he formerly was secretary and treasurer, and is also affiliated with the influential Exchange Club and the Ad Club. Mr. Bernard is a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and a Republican. In 1915 Frank B. Bernard was united in marriage to Gladys Rockwell Jenney, daughter of Rollin H. Jenney, of Pontiac, Mich., and to this union three daughters have been born, Jean Eleanor, Alice Marilyn and Nell Corinne. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard are members of the First Presbyterian church of Muncie and Mr. Bernard is a member of the board of trustees of that congregation. The Bernards reside at 907 East Jackson street.

ARTHUR D. McKINLEY, a member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court, former state senator from this district, present city attorney and a cousin in the second generation of William McKinley, twenty-fifth President of the United States, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. Mr. McKinley was born on a farm in Washington township on August 3, 1880, and is a son of John W. and Rebecca (Burgess) McKinley, the latter of whom is still living, a resident of Muncie for the past thirty years and more. She also was born in Washington township, a daughter of David Burgess, a Virginian, and one of the pioneers of that township. The late John W. McKinley, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Niles, Ohio, and was a son of the Rev. John McKinley, a brother of President McKinley's father. The Rev. John McKinley was a Methodist

Protestant circuit rider and for thirty years, back in the days of the pioneers, "rode circuit" throughout this section of Indiana and over in western Ohio, a strong and vigorous influence for good in the community's formative period. John W. McKinley was but a boy when the Civil war broke out, but before that struggle had ended he had twice enlisted and had seen much active service. In May, 1864, when but sixteen years of age, he enlisted for service in Company G of the 134th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was accepted for the ninety-day call issued in that eventful spring. Upon the expiration of this period of enlistment he re-enlisted, in the fall of 1864, at Indianapolis, and was assigned to Company K of the 13th Indiana, with which command he was mustered out in September, 1865, the war then being over. During this term of service he was assigned to the signal corps and was with Sherman's army on the memorable march to the sea. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. McKinley returned to Delaware county and after his marriage established his home on a farm in Washington township, where he remained until his retirement from the farm in 1890 and removal to Muncie, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there in 1922, he then being seventy-seven years of age. He was a Republican, a member of the Williams post of the Grand Army of the Republic, was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was a charter member of the Avondale Methodist Episcopal church, as also is his widow. To him and his wife were born three sons, two of whom survive, the subject of this sketch having an elder brother, George O. McKinley, a Muncie mail carrier. The second son, the late Joseph Clark McKinley, was elected representative from this county to the lower house of the Indiana General Assembly in 1918, served in the session of 1919 and died in 1920 while a candidate for re-election to the House. Arthur D. McKinley was ten years of age when his parents moved from the farm to Muncie and his public schooling was completed in the schools of that city. He was graduated from the high school and later entered the Eastern Indiana Normal University, from which he was graduated in 1900, majoring in the commercial course. He later entered the Indiana Law School, from which he was graduated in 1903 with the degree of L.LB., and in that same year was admitted to the bar and has since been practicing law at Muncie, something more than twenty years, with present offices in the old Little block. Mr. McKinley is an active Republican and is now rendering public service as city attorney. Early in his career as a lawyer he served one term as deputy prosecuting attorney

for this county. In 1916 he was elected to represent the county in the state Senate, and served for four years in the Senate, this service including the memorable sessions of the General Assembly in 1917 and 1919, as well as the special sessions which marked that period of national stress during the time of this country's participation in the World war. An unusual feature of this service in the session of 1919 was the fact that while he was serving in the Senate his brother, Clark McKinley, was serving in the House, both representing the same county, a coincidence that is believed to be unique in the annals of the Indiana Legislature. Mr. McKinley is a Scottish Rite (32°) and York Rite (Knights Templar) Mason and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church and he is a member of the board of trustees of that congregation. In 1911 he was united in marriage to Lola L. Burns, of Muncie, a teacher in the Muncie public schools, and to this union two children have been born, a son, Arthur David, Jr., and a daughter, Rebecca Eliza. Mrs. McKinley takes an active interest in local club work and is the present president of the Woman's Club, the oldest woman's club in the city as well as one of the oldest in Indiana, and is also an officer (auditor) of the local Federated Club of Clubs.

JAMES T. LYNCH, superintendent of the Muncie district in the operations of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York, with offices at Muncie, was born at Meriden, Conn., January 4, 1875, and is a son of Peter H. and Mary T. (McCabe) Lynch, the latter of whom was born in New York city. The late Peter H. Lynch, whose last days were spent in Muncie, was born in Ireland and was but six years of age when he came with his parents to the United States. He was married in Meriden, Conn., where he became engaged in the grocery business and where he made his home until after the death of his wife in 1912, when he joined his son James in Indiana and his last days were spent in Muncie, his death occurring there in 1922. He and his wife were members of the Catholic church and their children, four sons and one daughter, were reared in the faith of that church. Reared at Meriden, James T. Lynch received his early schooling in the parochial school of his local parish and supplemented this by a course in the public high school, after which he began working for his father in the latter's grocery store and was thus engaged until he was twenty-one years of age when, in 1896, he began a connection with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York which has been maintained ever since, or for

more than a quarter of a century. His first service with this company was rendered at Waterbury, Conn., where he remained until 1904, when he was transferred to the Evansville (Ind.) office as assistant superintendent in that office. A year later he was sent back to Connecticut, being made assistant superintendent in the Bridgeport office. In 1908 he was promoted to a superintendency and was sent to Hopkinsville, Ky., where he remained a year, at the end of which time he was sent to the Paris (Ky.) office. Two years later he was transferred to the Louisville (Ky.) office and two years later, in 1913, was made superintendent of the Muncie district, with offices at Anderson. In the next year (1914) this office was moved to Muncie and since then Mr. Lynch has been a resident of the latter city, now having well equipped offices in the Johnson building on Walnut street. In 1919 Mr. Lynch led all district managers in the service of this company in gain of personal business secured and has done much to bring his district well up to the front in the way of volume of business in force. He is now president of the association of Metropolitan managers in Indiana. During the period of this country's participation in the World war Mr. Lynch was active in all local campaigns in behalf of funds for the prosecution of the war and rendered service on various local committees. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church and he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is president of the Ad Club, financial secretary of the social service bureau of Muncie and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. In his political views he is a Democrat. In June, 1895, at Naugatuckta, Conn., James T. Lynch was united in marriage to Margaret L. Burke. Of the children born to this union five are living, Joseph B., Mary T., Helen G., Alice Catherine and Ethel M., the latter of whom is now in high school. Mary T. Lynch is a graduate nurse, trained in St. Vincent's Hospital at Indianapolis and graduated from the Home Hospital at Muncie. She then took a course in laboratory clinics at the Woman's College at Philadelphia and was graduated there in 1921. Helen G. Lynch was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1923 and Alice Catherine Lynch is in college. Joseph B. Lynch, the only son, is a veteran of the World war and in 1923 was admitted to practice at the bar of the Delaware circuit court. He was graduated from the Anderson high school and in May, 1917, enlisted for service in the United States marines. In August of that year he was sent overseas with the 6th regiment of the 2d Division (the "Fighting Sixth") and participated

in active service on several battle fronts. In September, 1918, he was gassed at St. Maline and was invalided, but presently rejoined his regiment and on October 4-5 he took part in the battle of Blanc-Mount Ridge. On the second day of this battle he was wounded in the right arm by a rifle bullet, receiving a wound which not only put him out of commission for further active army service but rendered that arm permanently useless. In March, 1919, he received his discharge at the Great Lakes Hospital and then entered the law school of Northwestern University at Chicago to complete the study of law which he meanwhile had been pursuing, and is now prepared for the practice of the profession to which he has devoted himself.

DR. J. H. LINDLEY, one of Muncie's dental surgeons, is a native Hoosier and has been a resident of this state all his life. Doctor Lindley was born at Kingman, in the lower part of Fountain county, Indiana, August 20, 1884, and is a son of Charles W. and Miriam T. (Towell) Lindley, both of whom also were natives of Indiana and the former of whom, a veteran of the Civil war, was a well-to-do farmer. Charles W. Lindley was but sixteen years of age when he enlisted as a soldier of the Union for service during the Civil war and he served two terms of enlistment. He completed his schooling in Indiana University, for some time was engaged in teaching school and also served for several terms as surveyor of Fountain county. His wife was a graduate of Earlham College and also was for some time engaged as a school teacher. Reared on the farm, J. H. Lindley completed his schooling in the academy maintained by the Friends at Bloomingdale, in Parke county, not far from his home, and as a young man became engaged in railroad work. For about five years he continued thus engaged and then after a year of preparatory work in the University of Illinois he entered the Indiana Dental College at Indianapolis and in 1913 was graduated from that institution. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Lindley opened an office for the practice of his profession at Evansville, whence he some time later moved to Dugger, a coal mining town in Sullivan county. In 1920 he left Dugger and after a course of post-graduate work at Northwestern University he came to Muncie, where he since has been engaged in practice, with offices in the Anthony building at the corner of Jackson and Walnut streets. He makes a specialty of extraction and plate work. Doctor Lindley is a member of the national, state and district dental associations and of the Muncie Dental Society. He is a member of the Friends church, is a Freemason and also is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective

Order of Elks. The Doctor is a member of the board of medical inspection of the Muncie city schools and has charge of the Dental Clinic of the local schools.

JOSEPH G. LEFFLER, senior member of the law firm of Leffler Ball & Leffler at Muncie and former judge of the Delaware circuit court, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the real pioneer families here, and has resided in this county all his life, engaged in the practice of law here for more than thirty-five years, save for the time spent on the bench. Judge Leffler was born on a farm in Hamilton township, this county, December 26, 1864, and is a son of Philip and Mary (Gerard) Leffler, the latter of whom died when her son Joseph was but four years of age. Both Philip Leffler and his wife were born in Ohio and were but children when their respective parents came to Indiana, both the Lefflers and the Gerards settling in Delaware county in pioneer days. Philip Leffler, Sr., father of Judge Leffler's father, entered a tract of land from the Government in Hamilton township and there established his home, and it was in that same township that the junior Philip Leffler, a veteran of the Civil war, established his home after his marriage and developed a good farm. Enlisting as a soldier of the Union during the time of the Civil war, he rendered service for more than two years, or until the close of the war, and by right of this service Judge Leffler has for years been one of the leaders of the local post of the Sons of Veterans. Reared on the home farm in Hamilton township, Joseph G. Leffler received his common schooling in the local district school and at the age of eighteen began to teach school. He took a course in the Central Indiana Normal School at Danville and was for four years engaged during the winters as the teacher of the Center school in his home township. Meanwhile he was following a course of preliminary reading in law and in 1884 entered the law office of Mellette & Orr at Muncie and under that preceptorship was prepared for practice, and in 1888 was admitted to the bar of the Delaware circuit court. Two years later, in 1890, he was elected prosecuting attorney for this judicial district (Forty-sixth Indiana) and in 1892 was re-elected to that office. In 1898 he was elected judge of the circuit court, succeeding Judge George H. Koons, and by re-election served for twelve years on the bench, or until on November 16, 1910, when he was succeeded by Judge Frank Ellis. Upon retiring from the bench Judge Leffler resumed his law practice at Muncie and has since been thus engaged, senior member of the law firm of Leffler, Ball & Leffler, with offices in the Nickey building.

Judge Leffler is a Republican and has for years been recognized as among the leaders of that party in the Eighth congressional district. The Judge is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. In 1890 Joseph G. Leffler was united in marriage to Laura Emerson, daughter of Joseph Emerson, of Muncie, and to that union three children have been born, two daughters, Mary Eugenia and Ruth, and a son, Paul E. Leffler, who was graduated from the law school of Indiana University and is now associated with his father in the practice of law. Paul E. Leffler served in the navy during the time of this country's participation in the World war. He married Carrie Reese and has a son, Joseph James Leffler. Mary Eugenia Leffler married Raymond Schuster and has two daughters, Rebecca Ann and Nancy. Ruth Leffler married Harvey Mitchell Anthony, who rendered service in the army during the World war. Judge and Mrs. Leffler are members of the First Baptist church. They reside at 822 West Charles street.

E. K. RESONER, proprietor at Muncie of one of the best established jewelry stores in eastern Indiana, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the old families here, and has resided here practically all his life, for nearly ten years established in business on the corner now occupied by him as a jewelry store at Jackson and Mulberry streets, right in the heart of the city's retail district. Mr. Resoner was born in the village of Wheeling on August 23, 1886, and is a son of George W. and Julia A. (Keller) Resoner, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families here, and who were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mrs. Bessie Resoner Howell, now living in Chicago. George W. Resoner, former postmaster at Wheeling, was engaged in the mercantile business in that village until his retirement about twenty-five years ago and removal to Muncie. E. K. Resoner was about twelve years of age when his parents moved to Muncie and his schooling was completed in the Riverside school here. When sixteen years of age he entered upon an apprenticeship to the jewelry trade in the establishment of H. W. Ellis at Muncie and upon completing this apprenticeship remained with the Ellis store for about four years, at the end of which time he sought other places of employment and was engaged in this same line at Muncie, at Hartford City and at Newcastle until in 1915, when he opened a store of his own at the corner of Jackson and Mulberry streets, Muncie, and has since been engaged in business at that point. The character and scope of the stock carried by Mr. Resoner reveal the fine discrim-

inating taste he displays in catering to the trade needs of the community in his line, and his efforts towards the establishment of "Resoner quality" as a local standard in jewelry and silverware products have been rewarded. Mr. Resoner is a member of the National Jewelers Association, of the Indiana Jewelers Association and is chairman of the district association (No. 8) of jewelers. He is a Freemason and has attained to the cryptic degree (council of Royal and Select Masters) in that ancient order. He also is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the Country Club and the Muncie Club. In 1906 E. K. Resoner was united in marriage to Ethel Koontz, daughter of Albert Koontz, also a member of one of Delaware county's pioneer families, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Julia Alice, now a student in high school, member of the class of 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Resoner are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. They have a pleasant place of residence on the Burlington pike, just out of town, on Old Town Hill, one of the most historic spots in Delaware county.

JAMES H. MOORE, proprietor of the Rochester Clothing Store at Muncie, is a native Hoosier, a member of one of the pioneer families of Indiana, and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Muncie for the past thirteen or fourteen years. Mr. Moore was born on a farm in the vicinity of Clermont, in Marion county, Indiana, March 27, 1859, and is a son of John and Sarah (Speer) Moore, who in their generation were well known residents of that part of this state. John Moore was a Virginian by birth and was but a child when his parents moved with their family to Zanesville, Ohio. In 1832 they came to Indiana and settled in Marion county. There the balance of his life was spent, for years a substantial farmer in the Clermont neighborhood. During the time of the Civil war he served as a member of the Indiana Home Guards. James H. Moore finished his schooling in the Indianapolis high school, which he attended for three years, and then became a clerk in the Hogshire & Reisener shoe store at Indianapolis, later known as the G. A. Reisener shoe store, and in time became the manager of this store. From the days of his boyhood Mr. Moore has taken an interested part in political affairs. During the terms of J. W. Hess and A. A. Womack as sheriff of Marion county, he served for five years as bailiff in the sheriff's office. In 1897 he served as assistant to the superintendent of the old Marion county work house, now discontinued and torn down, and then be-

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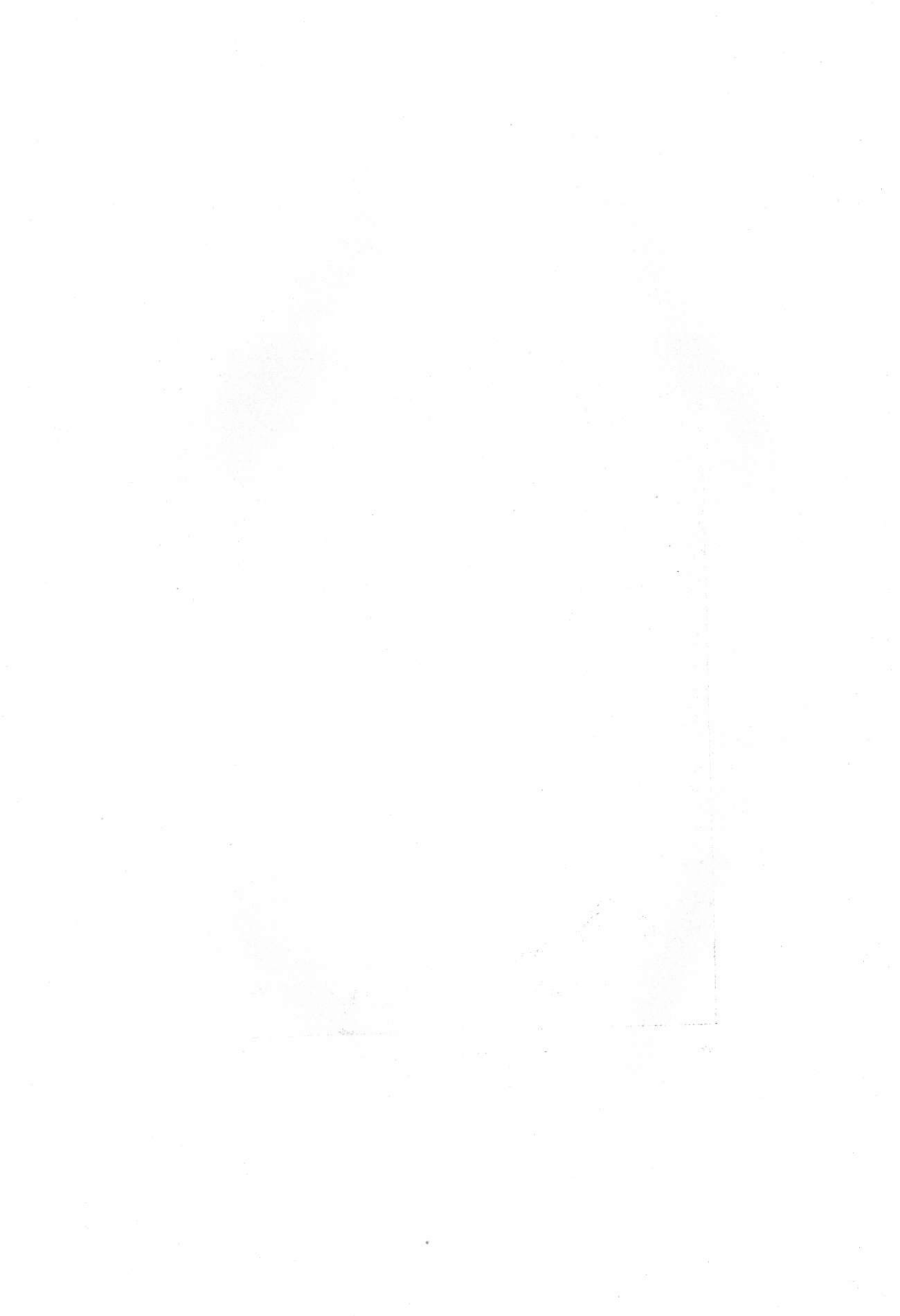

came engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Indianapolis. For eight or ten years Mr. Moore continued engaged in this business and then, in 1910, came to Muncie as manager of the Rosenblume ready-to-wear clothing store. Three years later he bought that store and has since been engaged in business for himself, with a well stocked and admirably equipped establishment known as the Rochester Clothing Store at 210 East Main street, where he has done well. Mr. Moore's wife, Mrs. Ida L. (Lewis) Moore, was born at Oskaloosa, Iowa, and is a daughter of the Rev. C. E. Lewis. Mr. Moore is a veteran member of the order of Knights of Pythias in Indiana, years ago having become affiliated with Marion lodge, No. 1, at Indianapolis. For sixteen years he held the station of keeper of records and seal of that lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and was one of the directors of the Castle Hall Association when the Indianapolis Pythians erected Castle Hall in that city in 1899. Mr. Moore is a Republican.

DR. CLAY A. BALL, a practicing physician at Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the old families here, and has resided here practically all his life, the exception being a brief period during his school-teaching days, twenty years and more ago, when he was teaching down state. Doctor Ball was born on a farm in Monroe township on November 19, 1877, and is a son of George M. and Susanna (Hale) Ball, the latter of whom, still living, was born in the neighboring county of Henry, daughter of Lafary Hale, a Virginian and a pioneer of Henry county. George M. Ball was born in Delaware county in 1844 and was a son of Samuel Ball, a member of one of the first families to settle in the southern part of this county. After his marriage George M. Ball for a time resided in the adjacent county of Blackford and then returned to the old Ball neighborhood in the southern part of this county, where he established his home on a farm and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in March, 1879, he then being thirty-five years and eight months of age; and his widow was left with six children, those besides the subject of this sketch, the fifth in order of birth, being Walter L., Joseph H., Claud C., John W. and Mrs. Maude M. Ayres. As will be noted by a comparison of above dates, Doctor Ball was but little more than a year old when his father died. He grew up on the home farm and finished his common schooling in the Cowan high school, after which for two years he taught school in his home township. He then entered Indiana University and after a four years course there was graduated

in 1902. During the following winter he served as superintendent of the schools at Patriot, in Switzerland county, meantime continuing his studies with a view to taking up the study of medicine, and in the next year entered the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis, from which institution he was graduated in 1906. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Ball opened an office for the practice of medicine at Muncie and has since been thus engaged, with office and residence at 303 West Adams street. Doctor Ball is a member of the American, Indiana state and Delaware-Blackford (county) medical associations, is a past president of the latter society, and is the present president of the Muncie Academy of Medicine, to which office he was elected in October, 1923. He also is a member of the Eighth District Medical Society, of which he was for some years the secretary, and is now the president of that society. He is a Republican and a Freemason and is affiliated with the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the Country Club. In 1906 Dr. Clay A. Ball was united in marriage to Helen Mauck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Mauck, of Berea, Ohio, and to this union three children have been born, Edward, Philip and James. Doctor and Mrs. Ball are members of the Presbyterian church.

PERRY W. MANSFIELD, clerk of courts for Delaware county and formerly and for years chief deputy in the office of the county clerk, is a member of one of the old families of Delaware county, the Mansfields having come over here from Greene county, Ohio, in the days, nearly a hundred years ago, when establishments of permanent settlement were being set up here in the then new county of Delaware. Mr. Mansfield was born on a farm in Hamilton township in 1890 and is a son of C. L. and Lila (Baker) Mansfield, who are still living and the latter of whom was born in Wisconsin. Mrs. Mansfield is a daughter of Henry and Laura (Cassidy) Baker, the latter of whom was born in this county. Henry Baker, a native of Massachusetts, was a soldier of the Union during the Civil war and was wounded in action. C. L. Mansfield, a farmer and stock buyer of Union township, was born in this county and is a son of Robert and Diana (Gibson) Mansfield, both of whom also were born here, members of pioneer families in the county. To C. L. and Lila (Baker) Mansfield five children have been born, the subject of this sketch—the second in order of birth—having two brothers, Fred and Robert, and two sisters, Esther and Doris. Fred Mansfield is a veteran of the World war with an overseas record. Reared on the home farm in Hamilton township, Perry W. Mansfield was grad-

uated from the township high school and in the following winter taught a term of school in this county. He then went to Texas with a view to possible location in that state, but after a period of prospecting around there came to the conclusion that Indiana was quite as good a place of residence as the Southwest ever possibly could be, and he returned home. Not long thereafter, during the incumbency of John W. Mansfield as county clerk, he was made a deputy in the office of the county clerk and applied himself so definitely to the tasks that there confronted him that he was retained as deputy during the succeeding incumbencies of Charles F. Bowden and Frank E. Barber, and was serving as chief deputy in the office when in the fall election of 1922, as the nominee of the Republican party in this county, he was elected county clerk, his term of service to run for four years from January 1, 1924, and he is thus now serving in that important office. Mr. Mansfield is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In 1915 Perry W. Mansfield was united in marriage to Esther Smith, daughter of James Smith, also of this county, and to this union two children have been born, Perry and Marthadel. Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield are members of the Christian church.

HERSCHAEL F. SHAW, general agent for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company at Muncie, has been connected with railway service operations since the days of his boyhood and is thus recognized as one of the best informed railroad men in Muncie. Mr. Shaw was born at Middletown, Ohio, in 1887, and is a son of Armstead and Anna (Foltz) Shaw, the former of whom is a son of Hiram Shaw, a veteran of the Civil war. Mrs. Shaw's father, Henry Foltz, also was a veteran of the Civil war. Reared at Middletown, Herschael F. Shaw received his schooling in the schools of that city and at Forest, Ohio. He started his railway career as a clerk in the Big Four and Pennsylvania railway offices at Forest, Ohio, and in time was advanced to various positions in offices at Forest and Middletown, Ohio, and was thus connected until in 1911, when he was appointed to the office of division freight agent of the Cincinnati, Chicago & Louisville Railway Company, now a part of the C. & O. railway system, and was made the company's commercial agent at Muncie. Mr. Shaw continued thus connected with the C. & O service until in 1920, when he was appointed general agent of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company and has since been serving as that company's general agent at Muncie. In 1912 Herschael F. Shaw

was united in marriage to Eva Shoenberger, of Forest, Ohio, and to this union two children have been born, a son, Armstead, and a daughter, Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Shaw is a Knight Templar Mason and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the local Dynamo Club.

THE REV. HEBER DWIGHT KETCHAM, D. D., pastor of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church, Muncie, and one of the leading figures in Indiana Methodism, was born at Kenton, the county seat of Hardin county, Ohio, and is a son of the Rev. C. W. and Mary Dyer (Parkison) Ketcham, the latter of whom was a daughter of Joshua and Jane (Reed) Parkison and a granddaughter of John and Mary Dyer. John Dyer, of Pendleton county, Virginia, was a soldier of the Revolution. Joshua Parkison's father laid out the town of Maysville, Ky. The late Rev. C. W. Ketcham, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Washington county, New York, and was a son of Joshua and Mary (Livingston) Ketcham, the latter of whom, a member of the widely represented family of Hudson River Livingstons, was a daughter of John Livingston, a Revolutionary soldier, whose father, also John by name, also was a soldier of the Revolution. Joshua Ketcham also was born in Washington county, New York, a son of Joshua and Eleanor (Soule) Ketcham, the latter of whom was of the Soule family descended from George Soule, one of the Pilgrims in the "Mayflower." The first of the Ketchams in this country landed in 1637 and became a member of the Massachusetts colony. He was from Northumberland, England. The senior Joshua Ketcham, mentioned above, was a native New Yorker and served as a soldier in the patriot army during the time of the Revolution. The Rev. C. W. Ketcham rendered service in the army during the time of the Civil war as chaplain of the 96th regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He became a strong force in Ohio Methodism, organized the Cincinnati Missionary Society and was twice a presiding elder in the Cincinnati conference. During the time of his pastorate at Toledo he built St. Paul church there and it was during his pastorate at Cincinnati that St. Paul was erected in the latter city. He had served earlier pastorates at Kenton, Sidney, Bellefontaine and Springfield. His death occurred at Cincinnati in 1889. Of the children born to the Rev. C. W. Ketcham and wife the Rev. Heber Dwight Ketcham was the second in order of birth, the others being as follows: The Rev. Merrick Ketcham, who is now superin-

tendent of the Hillsboro district of the West Ohio conference; Mrs. Lulah K. Anderson, wife of Bishop Anderson, of Cincinnati; Dr. Charles Ketcham, a physician now practicing at Leesburg, Ga., and Miss Rosemary Ketcham, professor of original design in the University of Kansas. With the exception of Dr. Charles Ketcham who had but three years there, all these children were graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University, as were their parents. By reason of his father's early itinerary Heber Dwight Ketcham had periods of youthful schooling at Toledo, Springfield and Cincinnati, this public schooling being completed in the schools of the latter city. He then entered Ohio Wesleyan University and upon completing the course there entered Drew Theological Seminary at Madison, N. J., and in due time was ordained to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church. Doctor Ketcham's first pastorate was at Blanchester, in Clinton county, Ohio, and his next was at Mt. Washington and Red Bank, suburbs of Cincinnati. From there he went to Wilmington, then to Clifton (Cincinnati), thence to Hillsboro and thence to Greene Street (Piqua). It was while serving in this latter pastorate that he was appointed presiding elder of the Dayton district. He later became pastor of Trinity church at Cincinnati. Taking a transfer to Tennessee, Doctor Ketcham's next pastorate was that of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Knoxville, in that state, from which place he went to the First church, Kankakee, Ill., thence to State Street, Trenton, N. J., and then, in 1920, to Muncie, where he since has made his home, pastor of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church, with residence at 429 West Charles street. Doctor Ketcham was at one time president of the Epworth League of Ohio and Kentucky, was a delegate from the Cincinnati conference to the General Conference of the Methodist church, held at Los Angeles in 1904, and was for ten years a member of the Freedman's Aid board of the church. He was invited to contribute one of the volumes of the Pulpit Series published by the Methodist church in 1905. The volume was entitled "The Certainty of the Kingdom." As a pulpit orator, it is not too much to say that Doctor Ketcham has an established reputation, his pulpit addresses on more than one occasion having attracted wide attention. In 1890, at Columbus, Ohio, Doctor Ketcham was united in marriage to Bertha McVay, of that city, a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University, and daughter of Jason and Mary (Garvey) McVay, the former of whom was one of the general managers of the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati; was at one time a leading member of the

Ohio Legislature, and belonged to one of the leading pioneer families of Ohio. Mrs. Ketcham is a member of the national board of trustees and one of the general managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church, and since 1910 has had the oversight of Bennett Academy, a school for whites in northern Mississippi. She was president of the Friday Club at Hillsboro, of the Fortnightly Club at Piqua and of the Contemporary Club at Trenton, N. J. Doctor and Mrs. Ketcham have three daughters, Maria, a graduate of the University of Chicago and wife of H. L. Heinzmann, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Tulsa, Okla.; Bertha Louise, who attended Ohio Wesleyan University, and who married Otis Bowman II, of the Bowman Coal Company of Trenton, N. J., and has two children, Otis III and Louise Ketcham; and Emily Livingston Ketcham, who was graduated in 1923 from Syracuse University and is now at the head of the home economics department of the New York State Institute of Applied Agriculture at Farmingdale, Long Island, near New York city. The Ketcham sisters are all members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Dr. Ketcham is a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Muncie Exchange Club.

DR. CLARENCE L. BOCK, secretary of the Delaware-Blackford Medical Society, a veteran of the World war with the rank of captain and for nearly ten years a practicing physician at Muncie, is a native Hoosier and has been a resident of this state all his life. Doctor Bock was born at Kokomo, Ind., in 1886, and is a son of S. A. and Elizabeth (Eikenberry) Bock, the latter of whom was born at Russiaville, Ind., a daughter of J. Eikenberry and wife, the latter of whom was a Scott. S. A. Bock is a native of Ohio, born in the vicinity of Dayton, son of Daniel Bock and wife, the latter of whom was an Erbaugh, and has been a resident of Kokomo for many years. Doctor Bock was reared at Kokomo and upon completing the course in the schools of that city entered Indiana University, from which institution in due time he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered the medical college of the university at Indianapolis, from which, in course, he was graduated and in 1915 began the practice of his profession at Muncie and was thus engaged here when in the spring of 1917 this country took a hand in the World war. Doctor Bock enlisted his services in behalf of the Medical Corps of the army and at Ft. Oglethorpe, in the vicinity of Chattanooga, was commissioned a lieutenant in that corps and presently was assigned to Base Hospital 204 for overseas duty. After a period

of intensive training at Hudsley, England, Doctor Bock was assigned to duty as ward surgeon in Base Hospital 53 in France and thus continued in active service until the close of the war, and upon his return to the United States was mustered out with the rank of captain. Upon the completion of his military service Doctor Bock resumed his practice at Muncie and has since been thus engaged, with offices at 209 the Western Reserve Life building. The Doctor has long been actively identified with the Delaware-Blackford Medical Society and for some years past has been serving as secretary of that well established body. He is a Freemason and also is affiliated with the local post of the American Legion. In 1921 Dr. Clarence L. Bock was united in marriage to Leonora Barr, daughter of Gordon Waite, of Indianapolis, and to this union three children have been born, Joseph, Francis and Martha. The Bocks reside at 187 Kilgore avenue.

LEOPOLD M. KLEIN, veteran merchant and proprietor of Klein's Cloak and Suit House at Muncie, is of French birth but has been a resident of this country ever since he was a boy and of Muncie for nearly forty years. He became a part of the commercial life of Muncie in the days of the gas "boom," which started things going here along new lines, and has thus been a continuous factor in the city's commercial development during all the years of its "modern" progress. Mr. Klein was born in the then French province of Alsace-Lorraine in 1856, son of Martin and Elise Klein, and was but fifteen years of age when he came to America, landing in this country on January 1, 1872. He located at Cincinnati and in due time became engaged there in the cigar business, afterward extending his operations to a general line of dry goods and notions. After awhile he was made manager of a dry goods store at Hickman, Ky., and from there went to Batesville, Ark., where he was placed in charge of a store, and later was made manager of the Wolf & Goldman store at Newport, Ark., from which place he returned to Kentucky and in 1885 located at Fulton, in the latter state. In the next year, 1886, Mr. Klein came up into Indiana and established himself in business at Muncie, where he ever since has been thus engaged, being now the oldest merchant in continuous service, operating under the original firm name, in eastern Indiana. Upon setting up in business at Muncie, Mr. Klein opened a dry goods and furnishing store in a room on the site now occupied by the Templer building in East Main street, and was there engaged in business until in 1899, when he moved into his present commodious quarters at the corner of Main and Mul-

berry streets, where he ever since has been carrying on his business and where he makes a specialty of women's cloaks and suits, with a stock ample for all the demands in the local trade. As noted above, Mr. Klein was here when the gas "boom" came on in the late '80s and did his part in the development work which followed the exploitation of that great natural resource. He was one of the members of the formerly active Citizens Enterprise Association, a worker in the old Commercial Club and is a charter member of the present energetic Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Klein also is one of the charter members of Silver Shield lodge, No. 403, Knights of Pythias, organized in June, 1894, and is likewise a charter member of the local lodge of the order of B'Nai B'rith. He is a member of the congregation of Beth El Temple. On April 18, 1894, Leopold M. Klein was united in marriage to Nora Silverburg, who was born in Natchez, Miss., daughter of Hyman Silverburg and sister of Adolph C. Silverburg, veteran Muncie lawyer, and to this union one child was born, a daughter Elise. Mrs. Klein died on June 14, 1914. Mr. Klein makes his home at the New Kirby Hotel.

JACOB ARTHUR MEEKS, head of the firm of J. A. Meeks & Son, manufacturers, at Muncie, is a native son of that city and has lived there practically all his life, the exception being a brief period during the days of his young manhood when he was employed at Toledo. Mr. Meeks was born on January 15, 1856, and is the last born of the four sons born to Robert and Sarah (Jones) Meeks, the latter of whom was born in that section of the Old Dominion now included in West Virginia and was eleven years of age when her parents, Jacob and Beersheba (Haymond) Jones came to Indiana with their family in 1838 and settled in Delaware county. Robert Meeks, who died in Muncie in 1906 and concerning whom further and fitting mention is made elsewhere in this volume, also was a Virginian, born in Monongalia county of what since the time of the Civil war has been West Virginia, and was seventeen years of age when he came to Indiana with his parents, Amos and Nancy (Means) Meeks, in 1839, the family locating in the vicinity of Parker, in Randolph county. He helped his father clear a tract for a farm there and then came over to Muncie and began working in the cabinet shop of Nottingham & Swain, where he got his start in the furniture manufacturing and undertaking line in which he continued the rest of his life and which latter line still is carried on in the family, as is set out elsewhere. Jacob Arthur Meeks, youngest son of this pioneer, grew up at Muncie and at the age of seventeen, in 1873, was graduated from

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the high school there. He then became employed as a clerk in the grocery store of Maddy, Burt & Kirby and was thus connected for four years, meanwhile taking time off to take a commercial course in Miami College at Dayton, Ohio. He then went to Toledo and became employed there as a bookkeeper, but in 1880 returned to Muncie and became employed as bookkeeper in the office of James Boyce, who then still was operating his bagging factory here, and in that same year he bought an eighth interest in that concern, which in 1885 was sold to the Warren-Jones & Gratz Company of St. Louis, Mo. Following this sale Mr. Meeks bought a half interest in the Boyce handle factory and has ever since been engaged in the manufacture of handles, thus now being at the head of what probably is the oldest continuing industrial enterprise in Muncie. This mill was destroyed by fire in April, 1893, but was at once rebuilt and much enlarged. Two years later, in 1895, Mr. Meeks secured control of the handle, rivet and machinery department of this factory and has since continued the business, also operating there on East Washington street a well-equipped general lumber mill. In 1919, Mr. Meeks took into this business as his partner, his son, Erle G. Meeks, and the business has since then been operated under the firm style of J. A. Meeks & Son and has developed an up-to-date and thriving industry. Though still connected with this firm, Erle G. Meeks is now living at Connersville, where he is the secretary and treasurer of the P. H. & E. M. Root Company, manufacturers of rotary blowers. He married Esther Johnston and has one child, a daughter, Sylvia. It was in 1879 that J. A. Meeks was united in marriage to Lydia J. Gray, daughter of J. M. Gray and wife, of Anderson, Ind., and the latter of whom was a member of the pioneer Shoemaker family of this region. Erle G. Meeks is their only child.

FRANK VAN R. BUNN, professional singer and one of the leading instructors in vocal training in eastern Indiana, with his studio in Muncie, was born at Decatur, Ill., November 16, 1873, and is a son of David Lewis and Amanda M. (Suits) Bunn, the latter of whom was a native of New York state. The late David Lewis Bunn, for years one of the leading lawyers at Decatur, Ill., was born in Chillicothe, Ohio. Reared at Decatur, Frank Van R. Bunn received his early schooling in the schools of that city and then entered Lombard University at Galesburg, Ill., and was graduated from this institution, following this by a course of law study and was admitted to the bar. Meantime he had been giving attention to the cultivation of his vocal powers, having from the days of his boyhood been recognized

as a singer of unusual talent, and after spending four years in law practice at Decatur gave up that profession and went to New York city to become a professional singer. Mr. Bunn took vocal training under some of the greatest masters in this line in the country and it was not long until he had attained a distinct place in professional circles in New York, his services coming to be in constant demand not only for choir singing but for recitals and the opera, and for fifteen years he followed this profession in New York. In 1915 Mr. Bunn came to Muncie on a visit and was so well received in musical circles here that he volunteered to take charge of a class in vocal training. By the time this course had been completed he had come to feel so much at home in the town that he decided to make this his home. He established his home and studio at 302 West Main street and has since been engaged in vocal training, during this time having given direction to the voices of many of Muncie's most promising singers. On May 30, 1912, Frank Van R. Bunn was united in marriage to Huldah M. Markman, who was born at Richmond, Ind., daughter of Charles H. and Nellie Markman, but was reared at Denver, Col. Mr. and Mrs. Bunn are affiliated with the local Church of Christ (Scientist). Mr. Bunn is a Republican. Fishing is his chief recreation in season and he has long been a staunch supporter of the Izaak Walton League.

RALPH W. PITTENGER, secretary of the A. E. Boyce Company of Muncie, former deputy auditor of Delaware county and a veteran of the World war, was born at Muncie on November 4, 1894, and is a son of Willis V. and Emeline (Ogle) Pittenger, the latter of whom was born in Harrison township, this county, a member of one of the old families of that section of the county. Willis V. Pittenger, a veteran carriage and automobile painter of Muncie, is a native of Hamilton county, this state, a member of one of the pioneer families in that section of Indiana. Reared at Muncie, Ralph W. Pittenger received his schooling in the local schools and upon leaving high school became employed in the office of the county auditor, presently was made a deputy to the auditor and for seven years rendered public service in that office, or until this country took a hand in the World war in the spring of 1917, when he presently got into the service of the army, in April, 1918, and was stationed at Ft. Thomas on special duty in the classification department, serving thus for a period of nine months or until after the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Pittenger returned to Muncie and became employed in the office of the A. E.

Boyce Company, printers and manufacturers of and dealers in general office supplies, 321 East Main street, and presently was made secretary of this company, which position he now occupies. Mr. Pittenger is a Democrat and is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce. He is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while he and his wife are members of the Baptist church. On August 1, 1917, Ralph W. Pittenger was united in marriage to Edna M. Covault and to this union one child has been born, a son, Richard M. Pittenger. The Pittengers reside at 623 West North street. Mrs. Pittenger was born at Hartford City, Ind., and is a daughter of Ezra C. and Emily (Cole) Covault, the former of whom served for two terms as sheriff of Blackford county. Before her marriage Mrs. Pittenger taught school for several terms in Huntington county.

FRED B. JONES, secretary and treasurer of the wholesale grocery firm of Joseph A. Goddard & Company at Muncie, has been connected with the operations of that concern for more than twenty-five years and during that period has risen in the service of the company from the humble position of office boy to his present administrative position. Mr. Jones was born in the village of Milton, in Wayne county, this state, October 24, 1875, and is a son of T. M. and Charlotte (Posey) Jones, the latter of whom was a daughter of Oliver Posey, the building contractor who erected the Earlham College buildings at Richmond. He was the son of one of the Virginia Poseys, who had located at Wilmington, Ohio, and from this latter place, when he engaged in business for himself, he moved to Richmond. Two of his brothers were soldiers of the Union during the Civil war. T. M. Jones was born at Milton, Ind., and was a member of one of the pioneer families of that section of Wayne county. Reared at Milton, Fred B. Jones received his early schooling in the schools of that village and supplemented this by a course in the business college at Richmond, his studies there being directed with special reference to his ambition to follow a mercantile career. In 1897, not long after he had attained his majority, Mr. Jones came to Muncie and became employed in the Goddard wholesale grocery establishment, his initial service there being virtually, if not wholly literally, that of an office boy. But he was starting in to learn the business and there, at the bottom, was the place to begin. Finding conditions in this establishment to his liking, Mr. Jones ever since has remained with the Goddard organization, and it is thus that he has rendered more than a quarter of a century's service with that organ-

ization. Step by step he "climbed the ladder," earning his promotions as they came, and in time became a member of the company, and in 1903, twenty years ago, was elected secretary-treasurer of the company, the position he since has occupied. During the period of this country's participation in the World war Mr. Jones rendered efficient local service in connection with the administration of the Federal Food Administrator's office, his long acquaintance with methods of handling and distributing staple food products giving value to these services. Mr. Jones has other business interests in town and is the secretary-treasurer of the Ned Howe Company, retail dealers in shoes, in Walnut street. He is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the local Rotary Club and he and his wife are members of the Country Club. Mrs. Jones (Agnes Howe) is a daughter of James E. and Florence (Jack) Howe, the latter of whom was a daughter of John Jack, the pioneer merchant and miller of Muncie, concerning whom numerous references are made elsewhere in this work. James E. Howe formerly and for years was engaged in the mercantile business in Muncie, a member of the old firm of Howe & Little. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Episcopal church and Mr. Jones is one of the vestrymen of that parish. For twenty years Mrs. Jones sang in the choir of the Episcopal church.

EVERETT GODWIN, district manager for The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, with offices at 308 the Wysor building at Muncie, was born in the village of Fairview in the neighboring county of Randolph, July 20, 1894, and is a son of Henry P. and Adna (Friddle) Godwin, the latter of whom is now living at Muncie. She was born at Parker in Randolph county, daughter of Robert McClellan Friddle, of the Greene county (Ohio) family of Friddles who had come out of South Carolina in early settlement days. Robert McClellan Friddle was a landowner and farmer in Randolph county and years ago was proprietor of a store at Fairview and postmaster of that village in the old mail coach days. Henry P. Godwin also was a native of Randolph county, a member of one of the pioneer families there, and after his marriage established his home at Fairview, where he was living when, at the age of twenty-five, he lost his life in an explosion at a gas pumping station. His widow continued to make her home there until in 1916, when she came to Muncie, where she and her son Everett now reside. Everett Godwin was but a child when his father met his tragic death. He grew up at Fairview, where he received his grade schooling and then en-

tered the Albany high school, from which he was graduated in 1912. He then took a course in the Muncie Normal College and was for two years thereafter engaged in teaching school, one term in the district schools of Green township, Randolph county, and one term in the schools at DeSoto, in this county. In the meantime he had taken up the sale of life insurance, as a local agent for The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, and so capably did he demonstrate his fitness and qualifications for this line of endeavor that presently he was made the district manager for this company and in 1916 moved to Muncie, where he since has resided. On March 29, 1918, Mr. Godwin entered the service of the army, for service in connection with this country's activities in the World war, and was assigned to the 3d company of the 1st Training Battalion at Camp Zachary Taylor, whence he presently was transferred to the Field Artillery Officers Training School and commissioned a second lieutenant, with which rank he was honorably discharged on December 6, 1918, the war then being over. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Godwin resumed his position as district manager for The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York and has since been thus engaged. Mr. Godwin is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, president of the Dynamo Club and a member of the Kiwanis Club. He is a Freemason, past worshipful master of Anthony lodge, No. 171, of Albany, and has attained to the 32d degree or Scottish Rite in Masonry, a Knight Templar and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a Republican and he and his mother are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. They reside in the Koons apartments, 119½ East Adams street.

ARTHUR C. CLYNE, manager of the home office and local branch of the Indiana Flour and Feed Company (Inc.) at Muncie and a veteran of the World war with an officer's commission, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families of the county, and has resided here all his life. Mr. Clyne was born on a farm in Perry township on October 4, 1889, and is a son of Henry C. and Mary E. (Helm) Clyne, both of whom also were born in that township and both now deceased. They were the parents of seven children. Reared on the home farm, Arthur C. Clyne completed his schooling in the high school at Farmland and a course in the Muncie Business College and then became a bookkeeper

for the Delaware Trucking and Coal Company at Muncie, a position he occupied for four years, at the end of which time he was made manager of the Delaware Trucking and Storage Company, a position he likewise occupied for four years or until the time when this country took a hand in the World war, when he got into the service of the army. On November 17, 1917, Mr. Clyne enlisted his services and was sent to Ft. Thomas (Ky.), and was there assigned to Camp Sherman. After some preliminary training there he was transferred to Camp Lee (Va.), where on September 9, 1918, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and was made an assistant instructor in the camp, where he was serving at the time the armistice was signed in the following November and on the 22d of that month he received his discharge, the war then being over. Upon his return home Mr. Clyne became employed in the office of the Props-Dunn Motor Company at Muncie and remained there for a year or until he took his present connection as manager of the office and local branch of the Indiana Flour and Feed Company, which was incorporated on March 3, 1920, and the officers of which are H. E. Burns, of Jasonville, Ind., president; Fleen VanMeter, vice president, and William Willen, secretary and treasurer, these and Mr. Clyne being directors of the company. In 1919 Arthur C. Clyne was united in marriage to Helen C. Hinkle and to this union one child has been born, a son, John Clayton Clyne. Mr. Clyne is a member of the local post of the American Legion and is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

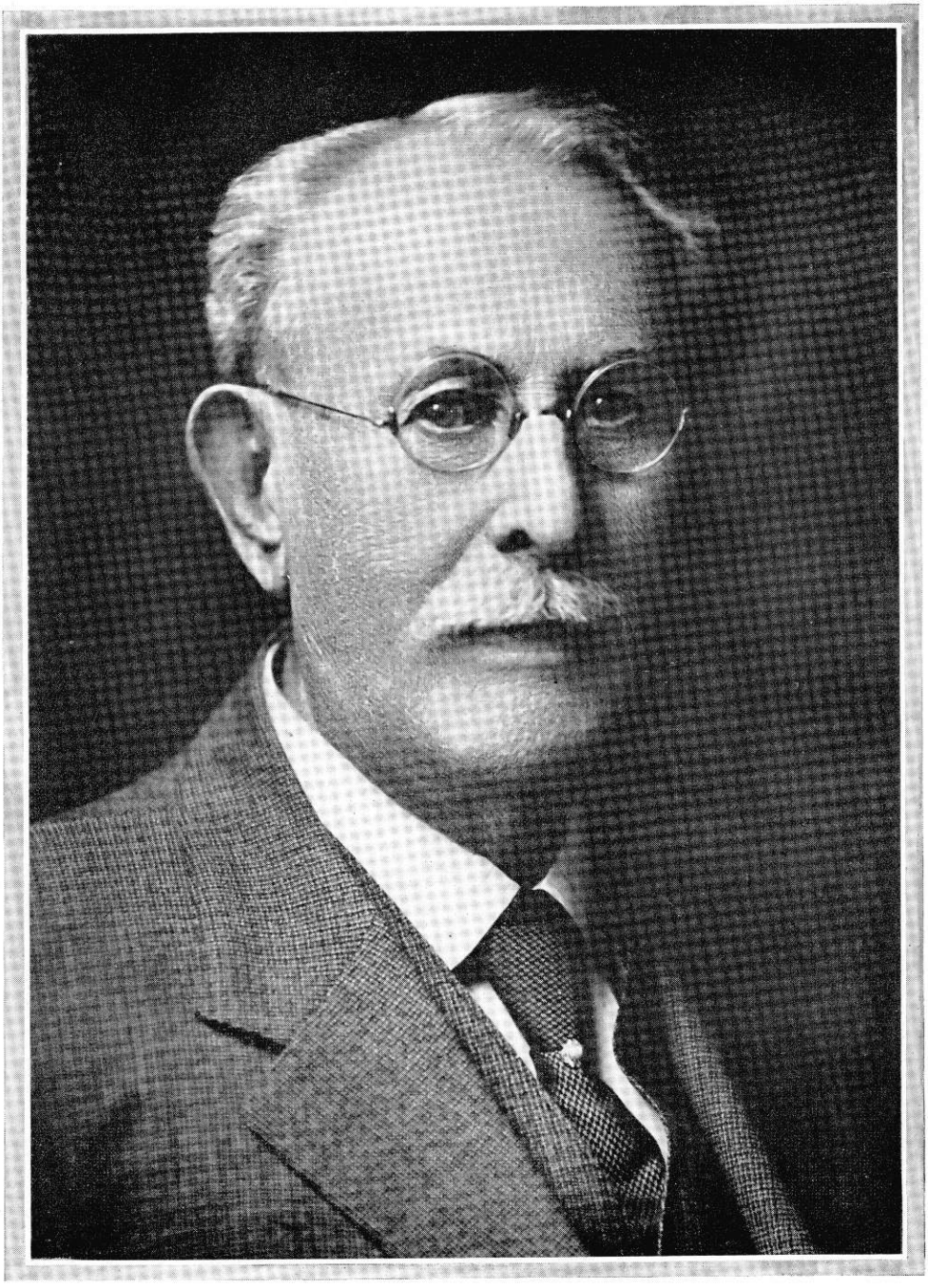
HAROLD B. BURKEY, art photographer and proprietor of Burkey's Studio at 416½ South Walnut street, Muncie, was born on a farm west of Eaton, in this county, March 26, 1882, and is a son of Peter and Arabella (Thompson) Burkey, the latter of whom, now deceased, was a native of Ohio. Peter Burkey was born in Pennsylvania and as a young man came to Indiana and settled in Delaware county, where he married and became engaged in farming in the Eaton neighborhood, where he is still living. Of the children born to him and his wife, eight grew to maturity. Reared on the home farm in the Eaton neighborhood, Harold B. Burkey received his schooling in the village schools and when fourteen years of age became interested in photography, his first professional training being received at Eaton. He later went to Chicago and after three years of intensive training in the art of photography in that city returned to Eaton and there became engaged in business in that line. In 1907 he disposed of his establishment at Eaton and moved to

Muncie, where he established himself in business and has ever since been thus engaged, the products of his studio having attained a wide reputation for artistic excellence. In addition to his general business as a photographer Mr. Burkey also engages in a wholesale kodak business. In 1902 Harold B. Burkey was united in marriage to Leota Walburn, daughter of Robert Walburn, of Eaton, and to this union four children have been born, two of whom, Arabelle and Joseph Oliver, died in infancy, the survivors being a son and daughter, Harold B., Jr., and Marguerite. Mr. Burkey has for years taken an active interest in the work of various fraternal orders and is affiliated with the local lodges of the Loyal Order of Moose, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Red Men, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and others of a like beneficiary nature. He has been "through the chairs" in the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and has done effective work in behalf of that order, his services as a lecturer in this behalf being in wide demand.

HOMER D. FIDLER, proprietor of the establishment of the Fidler Sales Company, general electrical appliances, houseware and lighting equipment, at Muncie, was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Randolph on June 10, 1887, and is a son of George W. and Emma A. (Hobbick) Fidler, both of whom were born in that same county and the former of whom is a lumberman, now living at Indianapolis, to which city he moved upon leaving Muncie some years ago. Prior to taking up his residence in Muncie in 1905 George W. Fidler had been for some years a resident of Hartford City, Ind., and it was in this latter city that Homer D. Fidler completed his schooling, he having been eighteen years of age when the family moved to Muncie, which he ever since has regarded as his home. At the age of twelve he began his mercantile career, clerking in a store at Hartford City during school vacations, and he ever since has been interested in the contracting and mercantile line. For some time he was engaged as a clerk for a contracting firm doing business in the erection of drilling rigs and power plants in the oil fields and then he took employment with the Remey Electric Company at Anderson, a connection which he held for a year or more, at the end of which time he was sent to take charge of a lumber mill in Ripley county, Missouri. Fourteen months later he discontinued that connection and opened a retail lumber yard at Joplin, Mo., but not long afterward sold that plant to advantage and returned to Muncie, where he became employed in the establishment of the Kimbrough Hardware Company. For ten years Mr. Fidler

was thus engaged and then on June 1, 1919, he opened his own establishment and has since been engaged in business for himself, having a well stocked place at 114 East Jackson street, right in the heart of the Muncie retail district, where he is carrying on as a general dealer in electrical appliances, lighting equipment and the like, and is doing well. Mr. Fidler has the distinction of having been the first person in Muncie to broadcast a radio program from this point. This was in June, 1922, when he installed in his establishment a government broadcasting outfit. In the international window-trimming contest conducted by the Apex Electrical Manufacturing Company in 1922-23, he was awarded third place and third money for the attractive display he made in that competitive exhibition. On May 16, 1908, at Muncie, Homer D. Fidler was united in marriage to Helen Gehring, daughter of John and Bessie Gehring, of that city, and to this union one child has been born, a son, James Clayton. Mr. Fidler is a York Rite (Knights Templar) and Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

AMOS NELSON WHITELEY, octogenarian manufacturer now living retired at Muncie and whose varied activites have for more than thirty years been closely identified with and related to the best of the material interests of that city, was born on a farm in the vicinity of Springfield, Ohio, March 14, 1838, second in order of birth of the sons born to Andrew and Nancy Catherine (Nelson) Whiteley, the latter of whom was born in Tioga county, New York, February 28, 1812. She was a daughter of Amos and Jane (Sampson) Nelson, the former of whom was born in Massachusetts in 1780, a son of Deacon Amos and Eunice Eddy (Pierce) Nelson. Deacon Amos Nelson was born in Massachusetts in 1742 and died there in 1793. He was a son of William and Elizabeth (Howland) Nelson, the former of whom was a son of Thomas and Hope (Higgins) Nelson. Thomas Nelson was a son of William Nelson, who was a son of William Nelson, of Scrooby, England, one of the Pilgrims who came over on the "Mayflower." Andrew Whiteley was born in Harrison county, Kentucky, May 31, 1812, the first born of the seven children born to John and Christiana (Hall) Whiteley, who became the founders of the Ohio branch of the Whiteley family. John Whiteley was a North Carolinian, born in November, 1780, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Stoppleton) Whiteley, the former of whom was a son of Dr. Joseph Whiteley, who after practicing medicine for some years in White Haven, England, came to America, following his brother, John Whiteley,



AMOS NELSON WHITELEY

who was the first of the name to come to this country, and in 1750 settled in the vicinity of Jamestown, Va., where five years later, in August, 1755, both he and his wife died, leaving their two sons, Joseph and John. These lads were reared by their uncle, John Whiteley, who died a bachelor in 1770. About that time Joseph Whiteley married Sarah Stoppleton and moved from Virginia to North Carolina, where he was living when the Revolution came on. He took up arms in behalf of the Colonies and served in the army of General Greene. Thrice at the battle of Eutaw Springs he was wounded, but upon his recovery rejoined his company and continued service until the close of the war. He afterward moved to Washington county, Virginia, and some years later moved into the Tennessee country, settling on the Cumberland about seventy miles above Nashville. His son, John Whiteley, married Christiana Hall, of Ohio, and established his home in Harrison county, Kentucky, but later, in 1814, moved up into Ohio and settled on a farm six miles east of Springfield, in Clark county, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1845. He had been well schooled in his youth and was for years a school teacher, teaching during the winters while carrying on his farm operations. He was aligned with the Whigs in his political views. Andrew Whiteley was but two years of age when his parents moved from Harrison county, Kentucky, to Clark county, Ohio, and on the home farm in this latter county he grew to manhood. On September 24, 1833, he married Nancy Catherine Nelson and for many years thereafter made his home on a quarter-section farm in the near vicinity of Springfield. Upon retiring from the farm he moved to Springfield, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their days, her death occurring on February 15, 1884, and his, January 30, 1897. They were members of the Universalist church, Mrs. Whiteley being particularly active in church work, and their children were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, namely: William Needham, of whom more presently; Amos Nelson, the immediate subject of this biographical review; Eliza Jane, who married J. Johnson Morton; Nancy Catherine, who married William T. Stillwell; Caroline, who married Edward Meyers, and James Reid Whiteley, who was a soldier of the Union during the Civil war. William Needham Whiteley was born on August 3, 1834, and early began to apply himself to the study of mechanics, a field in which he was destined to achieve distinction through his numerous mechanical inventions, particularly that of the "Champion" harvester, the manufacture of which at Springfield did so much to start

that city on its way as a manufacturing point. In 1892, attracted by the promising outlook over here consequent to the opening of the Muncie gas field as a means of providing cheap fuel, he moved his manufacturing interests to Muncie and created the suburb of Whiteley, across the river and east of the Ft. Wayne tracks. On August 3 of that year there was an auction sale of lots in this suburb and excursions were run from neighboring cities to bring in purchasers, the big promotion event being followed in the evening by what the newspapers of the time called a "love feast" at Wysor's. In later celebration of the inauguration of this suburb there was held on the evening of December 30 of that year a Whiteley "inaugural" ball, which the newspapers described as a brilliant event, among the distinguished guests present having been Governor Chase. On the following June 3 (1893) much was made of the beginning of distribution of the finished product of the new harvester works, farmers celebrating the opportunity to purchase "home made" harvesting machines. Dinner was served under the trees of Wood's park by officers of the company to purchasers and friends, and the affair was followed by a parade through the city. On May 6 of the next year (1894) this promising plant for the manufacture of reapers and mowers was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of more than $100,000, without insurance. The plant was not rebuilt and William N. Whiteley presently returned to Springfield, where he resumed his manufacturing operations and where he died on February 7, 1911. In the meantime Amos N. Whiteley, who had been engaged in business at Springfield, with varied interests — including manufacturing, railroads and banking, decided to follow his brother William to Muncie, the brothers ever having been closely associated in their business relations, and in the summer of 1893, having disposed of his interests at Springfield and in association with his sons, Burt H. and Elmer J. Whiteley, came to Muncie with a view to the manufacture here of malleable castings and on June 17 of that year the Whiteley Malleable Casting Company was incorporated, others besides the Whiteleys interested in the project being Thomas Liggett, D. W. C. Bidwell, R. R. Armour, A. L. Johnson, George F. McCulloch and A. F. Patterson. Work at once was begun on the plant on Wysor's Heights and on August 20, 1894, operations were begun. The formal "opening" of the plant was not held until on the following October 30, when this event was accompanied by a public sale of lots on Wysor's Heights. From the newspaper accounts of the "opening" it is seen that liberal advertising brought many strangers to the city and that

the opening of the new addition and its principal industry was an important event. The stockholders in the enterprise later organized a subsidiary concern under the name of the Whiteley Steel Castings Company. Amos N. Whiteley continued at the head of the two concerns, the business of which was carried on in the one plant, until in 1919, when the Whiteley Malleable Castings Company's interests were sold to the present corporation, the Muncie Malleable Foundry Company, and the business of the Whiteley Steel Castings Company was wound up. Since then Mr. Whiteley has been living a generally retired life, though still retaining an active interest in affairs as they pass before his view, for his time here has not been wholly given over to the great manufacturing industry which he did so much to develop. His interest in the promotion and organization of the Muncie Home Hospital did much in that behalf and this interest is retained. Formerly and for some years he took a warm interest in the breeding of horses for the speed ring and his "White River Stock Farm" at the edge of town, with the famous "Advertiser," an "Electioneer-Wilkes" get, at the head of his stable gave him a means of diversion that continued for ten years or more, or until advancing years decided him to take advantage of an attractive offer to buy. Mr. Whiteley is a Republican, even from the days of the organization of that party, and has ever taken an active interest in political affairs, but the only public office he ever held was that of city councilman for a time during his residence in Springfield and it was during that term of office that he got through the ordinance creating that city's waterworks system. He was present at the Chicago convention of the Republican party that nominated Abraham Lincoln for President in 1860 and he never can forget a later meeting with the President at the White House when Mr. Lincoln introduced him to his cabinet as "the man who nominated me," and then told the story of how Mr. Whiteley in the early hours of the morning on the last day of the convention packed the historic "wigwam" with Lincoln enthusiasts who thus, when it came time for balloting, were able to put up a much more vociferous welcome to the name of Lincoln than could the Seward boosters when their favorite's name was introduced, and it is a historic fact that the volume of applause for the name of Lincoln had much to do in determining the choice of the delegates on that great occasion. Though Ohio had a candidate before the convention, Tom Corwin having presented the name of John McLean, Mr. Whiteley, then a vigorous young man just past his majority, was for Lincoln all the way and his success in organizing an effective band of what

is now called "rooters" undeniably had much to do toward turning the tide of popular favor in the direction of his favorite when the crucial moment of the convention arrived. Mr. Whiteley also had a later and pleasant acquaintance with Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, and William McKinley, during their respective incumbencies in the White House. In May, 1860, Amos N. Whiteley was united in marriage to Josephine Ferrell, who was born in Cincinnati and was but an infant when her parents, Nathaniel and Sarah Ferrell, moved with their family to Springfield, where she was reared and married, and to this union were born two sons, Burt H., born on March 14, 1861, and Elmer J., July 26, 1863. Mrs. Whiteley died at Springfield, Ohio, May 23, 1906, while on a visit with relatives and friends in her old home town, and she was buried in the Whiteley lot in Ferncliff cemetery in that city. Burt H. Whiteley, who was long associated with his father in the latter's manufacturing enterprises, died on March 21, 1917. His widow (Mary Elizabeth Painter), who was born on August 9, 1883, died on June 6, 1920, leaving a son, Amos. Elmer J. Whiteley continues to make his home in Muncie, where he has extensive interests. He married Maud B. Baughman. One child born of this union died in infancy.

LEWIS V. HURST, of the firm of Hurst Bros., grocers, 1602 Macedonia avenue, Muncie, was born on a farm in Delaware county on October 22, 1872, and is a son of Leroy D. and Sarah (Keisling) Hurst, the latter of whom, now deceased, was born in the neighboring county of Henry, a daughter of Andrew Keisling. Leroy D. Hurst, who is now living at Matthews, Ind., where he is engaged in market gardening, was formerly and for years a farmer in Delaware county. He was born in Fayette county, this state, and is a son of Sanford Hurst, a member of one of the pioneer families of that county. Reared on the home farm in this county, Louis V. Hurst received his schooling in the neighboring district school and remained on the farm until his marriage at the age of twenty-two years, when he made his home at Muncie, where he ever since has resided. For four years after coming to Muncie Mr. Hurst was engaged in the dairy business. He then was for some years connected with the Lockwood bakery, and then, in 1906, he and his brother, Sanford N. Hurst, became engaged in their present business at the point where they now are located on Macedonia avenue, opening a meat market, grocery and bakery and operating under the firm name of Hurst Bros. It was in 1894 that Louis V. Hurst was united in marriage to Lida Lee. To this union three children have been born, Ora, Stella and Madonia. Stella died

at the age of three years. Ora Hurst married Lillian Smith and has three children, Paul, Martin Lewis and Ora Robert.

CHARLES F. KOONTZ, former treasurer of Delaware county, later and for some years engaged in the banking business at Muncie and now giving his attention to his agricultural and stock raising interests in Mt. Pleasant township, with residence in Muncie, was born in the village of Yorktown and has been a resident of this county all his life, save for two years spent in New Mexico. Mr. Koontz was born on September 4, 1860, and is a son of J. Harve and Viletta Amanda (Shimer) Koontz, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Madison on September 17, 1840, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine Shimer. The late J. Harve Koontz, a veteran of the Civil war and a former representative from this district in the Indiana Legislature, was born in Fayette county, Indiana, December 27, 1827, and was a son of Jacob and Deborah (Combs) Koontz, natives of Virginia and pioneers of eastern Indiana. Jacob Koontz, who was the youngest of the four children born to his parents, was reared in Virginia, where he was married. In 1820 he moved to Brownsville, Ohio, and five years later came over into Indiana and settled at Alquina, in Fayette county, whence some years later he moved over into Henry county and in 1829 platted the town of Middletown, where he died in the next year, 1830, leaving his widow with six children, Mary, Jane, Allison, B. Frank, Lorenzo D. and J. Harve. His widow married William Daugherty, of Ohio, and by this second union was the mother of four children, Sarah, Isabel, Deborah and William. J. Harve Koontz was not three years of age when his father died. At the age of sixteen he "began for himself," working in the woods down along the Ohio river. In 1850, following the opening of the gold fields in California, he went to the coast, sailing from New Orleans and landing in San Francisco 110 days later. He met with some success in his search for gold and presently returned, arriving at the port of New Orleans in February, 1852, and returned to Middletown and in that same year came up into Delaware county and bought a piece of land in the Yorktown neighborhood. Not long afterward he became engaged in mercantile business at Yorktown and after his marriage in 1855 established his home in that village, having also meanwhile bought the mill at Yorktown, which he continued to operate until 1865. In 1870 he disposed of his store and moved to his farm in the neighborhood of Yorktown, but some years later again became engaged in merchandising at Yorktown and was thus afterward engaged for many years. Mean-

while he had taken up the study of law and was admitted to the bar, but never made a specialty of practice. During the time of the Civil war and at the time of the flurry occasioned by Morgan's raid into Indiana, he had been commissioned by Governor Morton as captain of a company of Delaware county Minute Men, which later became a part of the Indiana Legion and Captain Koontz was commissioned colonel of the regiment acting in this district. For seventeen years, beginning in 1854, he served as trustee of Mt. Pleasant township and in 1876 was elected, as the nominee of the Republican party, to represent this district in the lower house of the Indiana General Assembly, and in that important public capacity served during the sessions of the Legislature in 1877 and in 1879. His later years were spent on his farm south of Yorktown, where he died in 1909. Colonel Koontz was twice married. His first wife, Anna Brown, daughter of John B. Brown, one of the pioneers of this county, whom he married in 1855, died in the next year, leaving an infant daughter, Harriet Antoinette, who married W. A. Goings, of Yorktown. In 1857 he married Viletta Amanda Shimer, who died in February, 1911, and to that union were born five children: Florence May, who died at the age of two years; Charles F., the immediate subject of this biographical review; Oliver Morton and Harve M. Koontz, and Clara, wife of Will A. Young, of Muncie. Charles F. Koontz was reared at Yorktown, supplemented the course in the village schools there by a course in Valparaiso University and then was engaged as a clerk in his father's store until in 1883, when he accepted the appointment as deputy county treasurer, during the incumbency of John W. Taylor, and was continued in this position during the succeeding incumbency of George Kirby, thus serving in the treasurer's office for eight years, or until in 1891. For a year thereafter Mr. Koontz was engaged in the canning business and then took up general public accountancy, a line which he followed until the time of his election in 1898 to the office of treasurer of Delaware county, in which office he served for four years. Meantime he had become a director in the old Union National Bank of Muncie, T. F. Rose then president, and in 1904 was elected vice president of that institution, a position he continued to occupy until this bank's eventual merger with the Merchants National Bank. Since leaving the bank Mr. Koontz has given his attention chiefly to the development of his agricultural interests on the old Koontz homestead farm in the Yorktown neighborhood, where he makes a specialty of the raising of live stock. He has been one of the leaders in the Boys

and Girls Calf and Corn Club movement and has done much to further the effectiveness of that useful movement in this county. He is a Republican, a 32 degree Mason and a Knights Templar, and he and his wife and son are members of the Presbyterian church. In 1884 Charles F. Koontz was united in marriage to Laura May Port, daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Williams) Port, of this county, and to this union were born four children, only one of whom, Rodney Harvey Koontz, is now living, the others having been Mabel Port, who died at the age of six years; Grace, who died at the age of twenty, and Robert Charles Koontz, who died on May 1, 1922, at the age of nineteen years.

FRANK O. AND HARVEY E. ARMSTRONG, doing business at Muncie under the firm name of the Autoelectric Service Corporation, were born and reared at New Albany, this state, and are sons of William T. and Amelia (Hesselrode) Armstrong, the latter of whom is now living at Yorktown, in this county, now past seventy-two years of age. The late William T. Armstrong, who was a marine engineer at New Albany, died when just past fifty years of age. To him and his wife were born four children, of whom the brothers here mentioned alone survive, they having had a sister, Nettie A., who died at the age of eighteen years, and another brother, Arthur T. Armstrong, who died leaving one son, Arthur Lee Armstrong, of St. Petersburg, Fla. Frank O. Armstrong, who was born on January 25, 1875, has been twice married. By his first wife Musetta P. Vest, he had one child, a son, Robert E., who died in infancy. Following the death of his first wife he married Mary E. Rockhold, who died in the fall of 1919. Harvey E. Armstrong, who was born on February 25, 1893, married Margaret Compton and has four children, Ruth, Arthur, Alice and Harvey. He makes his home at Yorktown, residing at the corner of Broadway and Locusts streets. He came here from Anderson, where he had for some time been engaged in electrical mechanical work before taking up similar work in Muncie, where he and his brother are now engaged in business. Frank O. Armstrong left New Albany years ago and moved to Indianapolis, whence some years later he moved to Anderson, where for some years he served as superintendent of the Madison County Orphans Home. After leaving the orphans home he and his wife went south for one year and then returned to Indianapolis where Mrs. Armstrong died in the fall of 1919. In the following year (1920) Frank O. Armstrong rejoined his brother, Harvey, who meanwhile had become a resident of Muncie, and in this city has since made his home. It was thus that

in 1920 the two Armstrong brothers established their present business, operating under the name of the Autoelectric Service Corporation, general electrical and battery service for automobiles, and they now have a well equipped plant and a flourishing business at 107 North High street. They give close attention to the needs of their trade and have built up a permanent establishment. The brothers are both members of the local lodge (No. 33) of the Loyal Order of Moose.

PHILIP P. BUSCH, president of the firm of Busch, Russell & Gelts, monument makers and dealers in architectural stone at Muncie, a former member of the city common council and the present head of the board of control of Beech Grove cemetery, has been a resident of Muncie since 1884, when he came here to take a hand in the erection of the court house. Mr. Busch was born in the city of Chicago on February 22, 1854, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Cruse) Busch, both of European birth, natives of the grand duchy of Baden. Peter Busch came to this country in the days of his young manhood and after a bit of prospecting around decided that here was the place to make his home. He went back to Baden for the girl who was there waiting for him and after their marriage they came to America, not long afterward locating at Chicago, where Peter Busch became engaged working at his trade as a wagon maker and where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, he being eighty-eight years of age at the time of his death and she, eighty-seven. They were the parents of fourteen children and their descendants in this generation form a considerable connection in this country. Philip P. Busch was reared at Chicago and in the schools of that city received his schooling. He early learned the stone-cutter's trade and as a young man went West as a journeyman stonecutter. He made his way to the coast and at San Francisco worked on the erection of the Palace hotel and some of the other notable buildings erected there during the late '70s, and then worked back East, as a journeyman, spending several years in this form of travel, during which he worked in most of the important cities of the United States. While in the East, in the summer of 1884, he married and straightway thereafter came to Muncie to be on hand for the erection of the Delaware county court house, the plans for which were being developed in that year, and on the stone work of which he was employed until the monumental job was finished. By the time the court house was finished Mr. Busch had become so deeply attached to Muncie that he decided to remain here and in earnest of this permanent attach-

ment became engaged in business on his own account as a stonecutter, making a specialty of architectural stone which about that time came into large demand in Muncie, this demand being greatly increased when presently the town entered upon its general rebuilding program following the opening of the gas field. Two years after he had opened his stone yard here Mr. Busch was joined in his enterprise by Duncan Russell, the two thereafter doing business under the firm name of Busch & Russell until in 1898, when George F. Gelts joined the firm, which since has carried on the business under the name of Busch, Russell & Gelts, with a well equipped plant for general stone cutting and monumental work on Kilgore avenue, Mr. Busch being president of the concern. Mr. Busch is a Republican and for eight years represented his ward in the city council. For eighteen years he has been a member of the Beech Grove Cemetery Association and is the present president of the cemetery board of the common council. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1885, the year following his arrival in Muncie, and he also is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. It was on June 27, 1884, that Philip P. Busch was united in marriage to Mary F. Gelts and he and his wife have two daughters, Esther, wife of Clarence G. Wood, and Ethel, wife of Fred Lesh.

JAMES F. HILDEBRAND, secretary-treasurer of the American Mutual Cyclone and Hail Insurance Company of Indiana, with general offices at Muncie, is a native Hoosier and has spent all his life in this state with the exception of several years spent in the West not long before he took up his residence in Muncie. Mr. Hildebrand was born on a farm in the vicinity of Attica in Fountain county, Indiana, September 11, 1873, and is a son of Francis Marion and Emaline (Duncan) Hildebrand, the latter of whom was born in Ohio. Francis Marion Hildebrand was born in Pennsylvania and was but a lad when he came to Indiana with his parents, the family locating in Fountain county, where he grew up and where, after his marriage, he established his home. Reared on the home farm, James F. Hildebrand received his schooling in the Attica schools and was graduated from the high school there in 1892. He then began clerking in a drug store in that city and after awhile became a qualified pharmacist. For more than nine years he continued thus engaged as a clerk and then he bought the drug store and became engaged in business on his own account. Five years later, however, he found the confinement of the store was affecting his health and he sold out and went to Colorado, where he remained for five years and where he received much

physical benefit from the change of climate. During the greater part of this time spent in Colorado Mr. Hildebrand was engaged in the drug business. During the last eighteen months of that period he was employed as hospital steward in the Colorado Soldiers and Sailors Home. He then returned to Indiana and after a brief stay at Attica came to Muncie, where he since has made his home. Upon coming to Muncie Mr. Hildebrand opened a drug store here, but not long afterward he promoted the organization of the American Mutual Cyclone and Hail Insurance Company of Indiana and was elected president of the company. Two years later, having meantime disposed of his drug store and thus being in a position to devote his whole time to the affairs of the insurance company, he was made secretary-treasurer and general manager of the company and has since been serving in that capacity, with offices in the Jones building. This company operates only in Indiana, insuring greenhouses and their contents against damage by hail and wind. Mr. Hildebrand also is interested in the Florists and Gardeners Insurance Company of Toledo, which he helped to organize. He is a Democrat and a Royal Arch Mason. Mr. Hildebrand married Luella Shields, daughter of David and Elizabeth Shields, of Attica, Ind., and he and his wife reside in the Canopic apartments.

R. EDWARD MAUER, vice president and general manager of the Coca Cola Bottling Works at Muncie, has been a resident of Muncie since the days of his infancy and literally "grew up" to the bottling business, a vocation he has followed all his active life. Mr. Mauer was born at Crawfordsville, Ind., March 2, 1886, and is the son and only child of M. F. and Anna (Peters) Mauer, who for nearly forty years have been residents of Muncie and the latter of whom also was born in Indiana, the place of her birth being Aurora, in Dearborn county. M. F. Mauer is a native of Germany and was but two years of age when he came to this country with his parents, the family settling on a farm in the vicinity of Bloomington, Ill. He grew to manhood on that farm and early became engaged in railroading, a locomotive fireman until after his marriage, when he became engaged in the grocery business at Crawfordsville and was thus engaged at that place until in 1887 when he moved with his family to Muncie and has ever since resided here. Upon his arrival here Mr. Mauer bought the Martin Klopfer bottling plant and has ever since been engaged in the bottling business here, formerly and for many years bottling soda waters. In 1915 he and his son Edward promoted the organization of a company to take over the local Coca

Cola bottling franchise and he was elected president of this company, which was incorporated on May 30 of that year and has since been doing business as the Coca Cola Bottling Works of Muncie, with an up-to-date and ample plant at 200 West Willard street. As will be noted by a comparison of above dates, R. Edward Mauer was only a year old when he came to Muncie with his parents in 1887. He received his schooling in the local schools and from the days of his boyhood was a helpful factor in the operation of his father's bottling plant, presently being made manager of the same. In 1915 when the Coca Cola Bottling Works of Muncie was organized, as set out above, he was elected vice president and general manager of that concern and has since been acting in that capacity. In 1922 this plant was enlarged and expanded by the addition of a modern filter and water-softening system and now has a capacity of no fewer than 1,200 cases a day. The territory covered by this local company's franchise includes Delaware county and parts of the adjacent counties of Randolph, Henry and Grant. Mr. Mauer is a member and former director of the Indiana State Bottlers Protective Association, of the National Bottlers Protective Association and of the Coca Cola Bottlers Association. He is a Democrat and is affiliated with the local council of the Knights of Columbus and the local lodges of the Improved Order of Red Men, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Loyal Order of Moose. R. Edward Mauer married Mary Mulvihill, daughter of James and Catherine Mulvihill, and has two children, Margaret and Catherine. Mr. and Mrs. Mauer are members of St. Mary's Catholic church at Dunkirk.

DR. M. T. BOTKIN, a veteran of the World war and one of the younger of Muncie's dental surgeons, with offices at 211½ South Walnut street, was born in the hamlet of Unionport in the neighboring county of Randolph on April 9, 1896, and is a son of John and Suda (Cheesman) Botkin, both of whom were born in that same county, members of pioneer families there. John Botkin, now superintendent of highways for Randolph county, has been a farmer most of his life. He is a son of Dr. Thomas Botkin, who was for nearly forty years engaged in the practice of medicine at Unionport and Farmland, and who was a son of Dr. John Lafayette Botkin, of Unionport, who was one of the real pioneer physicians of Randolph county. John Botkin and wife have two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Harold Botkin. Reared on the farm, M. T. Botkin received his schooling at Unionport and at Farmland and in 1914 was graduated from the high school in the latter village.

After a preparatory course in the medical school of Indiana University he then entered the Indiana Dental College at Indianapolis and in 1918 was graduated from that institution. In the meantime he had been rendering army service as a member of the Indiana National Guard, in 1916, during the time of the flurry on the Mexican border having been in field hospital service on the border, with Pershing's army. In the following April when this country took a hand in the World war he again was called to the colors and with his unit was attached to the army at Camp Shelby (Miss.), where he was assigned to Field Hospital 149. In the following January he received leave of absence to complete his course in the Indiana Dental College and was graduated with his class in the spring of that year (1918), after which he resumed his army service and was assigned to the Dental Corps at Camp Greenleaf (Ga.), where he was given a commission, and was thus in service until mustered out after the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service Doctor Botkin opened an office for the practice of dental surgery at Albany, in this county, and a year later closed out his interests there and moved to Muncie, where he since has been engaged in practice, with offices at 211½ South Walnut street, formerly and for years the office of Doctor Davis. Doctor Botkin is a member of the Muncie Dental Society and of the East Central Indiana Dental Association. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is also affiliated with the American Legion and with the Modern Woodmen of America. Dr. M. T. Botkin married Catherine Dunn, daughter of George N. Dunn, of Terre Haute. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and in their political leanings are "independent."

WILLIAM J. CLARK, president of the Farmers Savings Bank of Muncie and for many years a resident of Muncie, was born on a farm in the vicinity of Ossian, in Wells county, Indiana, August 5, 1872, and is a son of James M. and Eliza E. (Bowman) Clark, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in Pennsylvania, and who are now living retired at Ossian. James M. Clark is a son of Abraham Clark, a Pennsylvanian, who for some time after his marriage made his home in Ohio and then came over into Indiana, settling in Wells county. One of his sons, John Clark, was killed while serving as a soldier of the Union during the time of the Civil war. Mrs. Clark is a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Young) Bowman, natives of Germany, who after a some time residence in Pennsylvania came to Indiana and settled in Wells county. Reared

on the home farm, William J. Clark received his schooling in the Ossian schools, was graduated from the high school there and supplemented this by a course in a local commercial school. When he was nineteen years of age he "took up" railroading and was thus engaged for four years, as telegraph operator and station agent, and then became connected with the operations of the Standard Oil Company in the Indiana oil field and presently took up his residence in Muncie. For twenty-five years Mr. Clark continued his connection with the Standard Oil Company, most of the time as oil inspector, and then, in December, 1916, became one of the active promoters of the organization of the Farmers Savings Bank at Muncie. When in April, 1917, the final organization of this bank was effected Mr. Clark was elected president of the same and has since been engaged as the executive head of this financial concern. This bank found an immediate place in the commercial activities of Muncie and has long since passed its half million mark in the way of deposits. The bank has admirable quarters at 200 East Main street. In 1892 William J. Clark was united in marriage to Rosa E. Dickason, of Petroleum, in his home county of Wells, and to this union two sons have been born, William Herbert and Clyde D. Clark, the former of whom is connected with the refining company. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are Republicans. Mr. Clark has lodge affiliations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

WILLIAM C. BENBOW, of the firm of Benbow Bros., home decorators, Muncie, and a veteran in that line, was born in the neighboring county of Henry, July 21, 1874, and is a son of Ephraim and Mary E. (Hutchings) Benbow, both of whom were born in Delaware county, members of pioneer families here, and who for a while following their marriage made their home in Henry county but who later established their home on a farm in Harrison township, this county, in the New Corner (Gaston) neighborhood. It was thus that though a native of Henry county William C. Benbow was reared in Delaware county and got his schooling in the schools of Harrison township. When he was eighteen years of age, in 1892, he came to Muncie and entered upon an apprenticeship in home decorative arts under the decorating firm of Benbow & Jones and was thus engaged for three years and more, at the end of which time he began to take contracts on these lines on his own account and was thus engaged in Muncie until in 1909, when he became engaged as a department

manager in the McNaughton department store. In 1912 he transferred his connection to the J. B. Pearce Wall Paper Company of Cleveland and was connected with that concern as a salesman until in 1919, when he and his brother, Ira Benbow, established a business of their own at Muncie, opening an establishment at 114 West Jackson street, in the Western Reserve Life building, and have ever since been thus engaged, proprietors of a well equipped place, amply prepared for all calls in the way of house decoration, and are doing well, their store being known as the Home Decorators. Mr. Benbow is a Republican and is affiliated with the United Commercial Travelers, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. In September, 1896, at Muncie, William C. Benbow was united in marriage to Maggie M. Moore, who was born in York, Pa., daughter of Samuel Moore, but was reared in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Benbow are members of the Baptist church. They have five children, Gladys M., Margaret W., Veda A., Carlton M. and Samuel E. The Benbows reside at 204 South Vine street.

ROLLIN W. LENNINGTON, a member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court, a practicing attorney, with offices at Muncie, and a landowner of Mt. Pleasant township, where he makes his home, is a member of one of the old families of this part of the state. Mr. Lennington was born at Winchester, in the neighboring county of Randolph, August 10, 1872, and is a son of Abraham and Mary (Birch) Lennington, both of whom were members of pioneer families in eastern Indiana. Abraham Lennington, a soldier of the Civil war, served as a member of Company E of the 36th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was for some time attached to the staff of Colonel Groce, of Newcastle. At the battle of Chickamauga he was so severely injured by the fall of his horse that he ever afterward suffered from this injury and died when his son Rollin was a small child. When he was six years of age Rollin W. Lennington was further bereaved by the death of his mother. He was reared in the household of a neighbor in the Winchester neighborhood and upon leaving school took up the study of law in the office of Warner & Brady at Muncie and in due course of time was admitted to the bar and has ever since been practicing law, with present offices at 504 the Wysor building at Muncie. Mr. Lennington has a well improved farm in Mt. Pleasant township, where he makes his home. He is a Republican and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. On September 5, 1894, Rollin W. Lennington was united in marriage to California Harman, also a member of one of the pioneer families

hereabout, and to this union seven children have been born, John R., Mary C., Harman A., Paul A., Jacob N., Joseph B. and Dainty A. L., the two elder of whom are married. John R. Lennington married Nora E. Haney and has a son, William Warner Lennington. Mary C. Lennington married F. B. Bocook and has three daughters, Mary Catherine, Julia Lavina and Ella Pauline. Mrs. California Lennington was born in Mt. Pleasant township, January 7, 1873, and is a daughter of John W. and Lavina (VanMatre) Harman, the latter of whom was a daughter of James M. and Mary (Jones) Van Matre, the former of whom was a member of the pioneer VanMatre family which took a conspicuous part in the settlement of the Yorktown neighborhood, as is set out elsewhere. John W. Harman was born in Maryland in 1829, son of John and Elizabeth Harman, and became a resident of Indiana in 1838, coming over here from Ohio. After his marriage to Lavina VanMatre he established his home on a farm in Mt. Pleasant township and there came to be the owner of more than 600 acres of land.

JAMES L. DAVIS, recorder of Delaware county, now serving his second term in that important public office, is a native son of this county and has resided here all his life. Mr. Davis was born in the historic old village of Smithfield, in Liberty township, in 1859, and is a son of Joseph and Fannie (Waldo) Davis, the latter of whom was born in Jacksonburg, in Wayne county, this state, daughter of Doctor Waldo, the village physician there. Joseph Davis, who for many years was a veterinary surgeon at Smithfield, was a native of South Carolina, of Welsh stock, and was but a boy when he accompanied his parents to Indiana, coming through on horse back, the family settling in Delaware county, among the pioneers of Liberty township. Of the children born to Joseph Davis and wife four are still living, the subject of this sketch having three brothers, John W., Joseph E. and Marion G. Davis. Reared at Smithfield, James L. Davis received his schooling in the schools of that village and as a young man became engaged in the barber business there, and for thirty-six years was thus engaged. Meanwhile he had ever taken an interested and active part in local political affairs and came to be recognized as one of the leaders of the Republican party in this county. In 1918 he received the nomination for the office of county recorder and in the election of that fall was elected to that important office. So satisfactory did his services in this public capacity prove that in 1922 he was renominated and re-elected, and is thus now serving his second term in the recorder's office. Mr. Davis is a Free-

mason and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Independent Order of Foresters. In 1892 James L. Davis was united in marriage to Louisa M. Kirp, who is now assisting her husband in the recorder's office, serving as deputy county recorder. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have three sons, Eugene K., Frederick and Joseph H., the latter of whom was recently admitted to practice at the bar of the Delaware circuit court. Eugene K. Davis is a veteran of the World war with an overseas record and Joseph H. Davis served in the S. A. T. C. during the time of this country's participation in that war. Eugene K. Davis married Lillian Davis and has one child, a son, Eugene, Jr. Frederick Davis married Marcile Curry and has two children, Joseph Byrl and Betty Jean.

JAMES P. DRAGOO, auditor of Delaware county, is a member of one of the real pioneer families of this county. He was born on a farm in Center township on August 8, 1864, and is a son of William and Amanda (Truitt) Dragoo, the latter of whom also was born in this county, daughter of George Truitt, who was one of the pioneers of Liberty township. The late William Dragoo, former auditor of Delaware county, was four years of age when he came to this county from that part of Virginia now comprised within West Virginia with his parents in 1836, his father, William Dragoo, becoming one of the pioneer landholders of Delaware township. That was less than ten years after Delaware county had become a separate civic entity. It is thus that both the Dragoos and the Truitts have been continuing factors in the development of this county from an early day. The junior William Dragoo grew up in Delaware township, familiar with all the details of pioneer farming and clearing. He was an apt student in the pioneer schools of his home neighborhood and for several years before his marriage was engaged during the winters in teaching school. After his marriage he settled on a farm in Hamilton township, but presently bought a farm of eighty acres in Center township, not far out of Muncie, and there established his home. From the days of his young manhood he had taken an active part in local political affairs, one of the leaders of the Republican party here, and in 1874 was elected auditor of Delaware county, in which office he served for four years, meantime maintaining his home on the farm. In 1884 he was again elected auditor and served another four-year term. Upon this second election he left the farm and moved to Muncie, for the greater convenience of the administration of his office, and upon retiring from office in 1888 became engaged in the retail meat business in that city, later taking

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up the plumbing business and in this latter line was engaged the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1904. His widow survived him until 1914. To William Dragoo and wife were born four children, two of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mrs. Emma Hoover, of Muncie. Reared on the home farm in Center township, James P. Dragoo was graduated from the Muncie high school in 1883. For two or three years thereafter he continued working on the home farm and then he became engaged in the plumbing business at Muncie and was thus engaged for several years, at the end of which time he moved to Elwood. Four years later he returned to Muncie and resumed his plumbing business and was thus engaged when in 1918 he was elected auditor of Delaware county and thus entered upon the duties of the office from which his father had retired thirty years before. In 1922 Mr. Dragoo was re-elected auditor and is thus now serving his second term in that important public office. As was his father, Mr. Dragoo is an ardent Republican and has long been looked upon as one of the leaders of that party in this county. He is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Loyal Order of Moose, in which latter lodge he has been "through the chairs" and in 1915 was the representative of that lodge in the Supreme Lodge of the order, meeting that year at San Diego, Cal. James P. Dragoo has been twice married. In 1887 he was united in marriage to Sadie Imes and to that union were born three children. Of these but one is now living, a son, Robert W. Dragoo, a veteran of the World war, who is now engaged in the advertising business at Indianapolis. In 1906 Mr. Dragoo married Mrs. Ella Budd, who by her first marriage is the mother of a daughter, Hazel, who married Arthur Walling, a member of one of the old families of Muncie, and is now living at Kansas City, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Dragoo are members of the Jackson Street Christian church and for seven years Mr. Dragoo was a member of the official board of that congregation.

WILLIAM T. HAYMOND, a member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court, junior member of the law firm of White & Haymond, of Muncie, was born in the village of Cowan, this county, August 1, 1880, and is a son of Henry Clay and Margaret A. (Louthain) Haymond, the latter of whom is still living, making her home at Muncie, where she has resided for nearly forty years. She also was born in this county and is a daughter of George Louthain, who came here from South Carolina and became one of the pioneer farmers and merchants of Delaware county, where his last days were spent, his

death occurring when he was past ninety years of age. The late Henry Clay Haymond was born at Palestine, near the city of Fairmount, West Virginia, May 4, 1852, and was a son of Octavius and Elizabeth (Fleming) Haymond, the former of whom died when this son Henry was but nine months of age. When he was seventeen years of age, in 1869, Henry Clay Haymond came to Indiana to make his home with his elder brother, William A. Haymond, who in the days before the Civil war had come here and settled on a farm in Delaware county. Upon coming here he entered the Muncie schools and presently became engaged in teaching school, a vocation he followed for nine years, and while thus engaged, in 1877, married Margaret A. Louthain. He then became engaged in the mercantile business at Cowan, where he also presently started a tile factory, and continued to make that village his home until in 1886, when he disposed of his interests there and moved to Muncie, shortly afterward becoming connected with the Indiana Bridge Company, with which concern his interests were identified for many years, or until within a few years prior to his death. In the meantime he was developing other local interests and in 1905 was elected vice president of the Delaware County National Bank, a position he retained the rest of his life. He also was a member of the board of directors of the Muncie Trust Company and of the Mutual Home and Savings Association. He was a Republican, for some time represented his ward in the city council, served for several years as city controller and also for years served as a member of the city school board. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Freemasons, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. To Henry Clay Haymond and wife were born four sons, of whom the subject of this sketch is the second in order of birth, the others being Walter O., Edgar L. and Fleming Clay Haymond. William T. Haymond attended the Muncie schools, from which he was graduated in 1899. He entered Indiana University and in 1903 received from that institution his A. B. degree. Two years later, in 1905, he received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the Indiana Law School, which he had entered upon leaving the university, and in the same year began the practice of law at Muncie. In 1906 he became a member of the law firm of Bingham, White & Haymond, now White & Haymond and has so continued, with present offices at 123½ West Main street. Mr. Haymond is a Republican. He is a Scottish Rite (32°) and York Rite (Knights Templar) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is also affiliated

with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1909 he married Helen Louise Glass, of Detroit, Mich. They have one child, a daughter, Jane.

WILLIAM D. RAMSEY, one of the leading "down town" grocers of Muncie, has been engaged in that business for the past six years and more, prior to which time he was for some years engaged "on the road," as a traveling salesman for a local concern. Mr. Ramsey was born in Muncie on June 26, 1889, and is a son of Charles A. and Jane (Harris) Ramsey, who are now living at Ft. Wayne, Ind. Charles A. Ramsey was born at Winchester, in the neighboring county of Randolph, and is a son of Simon and Elizabeth (Allen) Ramsey, the latter of whom was born in the Winchester neighborhood, a member of one of the real pioneer families there. Simon Ramsey was born at Cincinnati, a son of Benjamin and Jeannette Ramsey, the former of whom was born in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Pa., the son of a Scottish immigrant who had settled there upon coming to this country from Glasgow. Mrs. Jane Harris Ramsey was born in Wayne county, this state, a daughter of Jesse and Emily J. (Hampton) Harris, the latter of whom for many years and until her death was clerk of the Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends. Jesse Harris was a son of Obediah Harris, a minister of the Friends church, who came to this country from England and after a sometime residence at Philadelphia, moved to Richmond, Ind., where he established his home. Charles A. Ramsey became a resident of Muncie back in the '80s and was for some years engaged in business here. He served for some time as a state bank examiner and is now engaged as a public accountant at Ft. Wayne. He and his wife have three children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mary E., who completed her schooling at the Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio, and a brother, Carl, the latter of whom, a veteran of the World war, is now the recorder for the Ft. Wayne temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Carl Ramsey served during the war as a second lieutenant in the machine gun battalion of the 334th regiment and was an instructor at Camp Hancock. William D. Ramsey completed his schooling in the Missouri Military Academy and at DePauw University and then became employed as a traveling salesman for a clothing house. He presently transferred his services to the A. E. Boyce Company, office supplies, at Muncie and was engaged as a traveling representative for that concern until in 1917, when he became engaged in the grocery business at Muncie and has since been thus engaged, with a well ap-

pointed store at 117 West Charles street. Mr. Ramsey is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the order of Knights of Pythias. In 1914 William D. Ramsey was united in marriage to Mary Lamb, daughter of Charles and Emma (Rhenheimer) Lamb, and to this union two children have been born, daughters both, Barbara Jane and Rachel Sue. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey are members of the Presbyterian church. They reside at 720 West North street.

DR. LEWIS PAYTON, for nearly forty years a practicing physician at Muncie and who continues active in practice here, is a member of one of the pioneer families of Delaware county and has lived here pretty much all his life. Doctor Payton was born on a farm in Delaware township, this county, September 7, 1851, and is a son of Gabriel and Mary E. (Headrick) Payton, the latter of whom was born in Virginia and was but a young girl when she came to Indiana with her parents, the family settling in this county. Gabriel Payton was born in Indiana, a member of one of the pioneer families of Wayne county. In 1833, as a young man, he came to Delaware county with his parents, the family locating on a farm in the vicinity of Mt. Tabor church in Monroe township. After his marriage he established his home on a farm in Delaware township and there spent practically all the remainder of his life. Of the children born to him and his wife four grew to maturity and three of these are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Martha, and a brother, Philip Payton. Reared on the home farm in Delaware township, Lewis Payton supplemented the schooling received in the neighborhood schools there by a course in the old National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, and then was for several years engaged during the winters in teaching school, continuing his work on the farm during the summers. He married when twenty-three years of age and established his home on a farm he had bought two and a half miles northeast of Muncie, where he was engaged in farming for four or five years. Meantime he had been carrying on a course of study in medicine and thus equipped by preparatory study entered the old Curtis Physio-Medical Institute at Marion, Ind., and in 1883 was graduated from that institution. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor Payton established himself in practice at Hartford City, but in the fall of that same year (1883) moved to Ft. Wayne, where he was engaged in practice until his return to Muncie in 1885, since which time he has been engaged in practice here, one of the real veterans in medical practice in this part of the state. Doctor Payton as a member of the Delaware-Blackford (county) Medical

Society and of the Muncie Academy of Medicine and is also affiliated with the Allied Medical Association of America. He is a Republican and is affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men. It was in 1874 that Dr. Lewis Payton was united in marriage to Agnes J. Beall, who was born in Virginia and who was but a child when she came to Indiana with her parents, Samuel Beall and wife, the family settling in this county. Doctor and Mrs. Payton have three children, two daughters, Laura P. and Marietta, and a son, Volney W. Payton, the latter of whom married Bessie Yelley and has one child, a daughter, Ethel. Laura P. Payton married Harry Bowen and Marietta Payton married Robert Meeks and has five children, Ralph P., Milton, Edith, Mary Janet and Martha Julia. Doctor Payton resides at 316 West Washington street, where he also has his office.

JAMES B. PINER, a veteran grocer at Muncie, has been a resident of that city for almost thirty years. Mr. Piner is a native of the old Blue Grass state, born in Kenton county, Kentucky, October 1, 1856, and is a son of William E. and Almeda (Rouse) Piner, both of whom were members of old families in Kentucky. Reared on a farm, James B. Piner received his schooling in the neighborhood school and as a young man began working out "by the month" as a farm hand and so continued until his marriage at the age of twenty-four, after which he rented a farm and began farming on his own account. Not long afterward he started a country store which became the nucleus of a trading center which came to be known by the name of Piner, in his honor, and at which a postoffice presently was established. For nine years Mr. Piner continued in business in this hamlet of Piner and then he sold out there and moved to Covington, Ky., where he bought a hotel. This was not a successful venture and three years later he found himself practically "broke." That was in 1895, when industry was on the boom here in Muncie, and after closing out his affairs in Covington Mr. Piner came to Muncie and took a job in a factory. Four years later he found himself in a position again to engage in business and he opened up a grocery store in Whiteley. This business prospered and in 1905 he bought the place where he now is engaged in business at 508 North Elm street and has ever since been located there, operating a well stocked and well equipped grocery and meat market, and is doing well. Mr. Piner is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. It was in 1880, while living in Kentucky, that James B. Piner was united in marriage to Minnie H. Rouse, a

daughter of E. R. and Elizabeth Rouse. Mr. and Mrs. Piner reside at 518 North Elm street. They are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church.

CHARLES W. KESOT, proprietor of the Indiana Pattern Works of Muncie and a resident of that city for more than thirty-five years, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Indiana since the days of his young manhood, having come to Muncie from Marion in the year in which natural gas development here began to promise so much in the way of industrial development. Mr. Kesot was born in Warren county, Ohio, December 25, 1865. His parents were very poor and as there were no compulsory education laws in those days he never attended a day of school, his education being picked up by close personal application after he had attained some degree of maturity. When he was seven years of age his parents moved with their family to Illinois and even at that tender age he began to herd cattle on the open range. He continued thus until he was a well grown boy, when he returned to Ohio and at Marysville learned the carpenter's trade. Some time later he came to Indiana and located at Marion, where he remained until in 1888 when, attracted by the gas "boom" then on here at Muncie, he came to Muncie and set up as a building contractor. Mr. Kesot followed this line at Muncie until in 1903 when he began to develop his present business as a pattern and mold maker. In 1915 he formed a partnership in this line with William P. Fisher, under the firm name of the Indiana Pattern Works, and this working arrangement continued for two years or until in 1917, when Mr. Kesot bought his partner's interest in the concern and has since been carrying on alone, though retaining the old trade name of the Indiana Pattern Works, with a well equipped plant at the corner of Fifth street and Macedonia avenue, where undertakings are made in all kinds of patterns and molds for mechanical processes. Mr. Kesot is a member of the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and of the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and he and his wife are members of the Christian church. They reside at 901 Macedonia avenue. Charles W. Kesot was united in marriage to Mary E. Duke, daughter of Thomas Duke, of Muncie, and to this union three children have been born, Blanche (deceased), Benjamin Merrill and William Thomas, the two latter of whom are married. Benjamin Merrill Kesot married Mae Schriver and has two children, Charles and Frederick. William Thomas Kesot married Sudie Carr and has one child, a daughter, Frances.

BURRELL C. ANDERSON, dealer in coal and manufacturer of cement block at Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life, a resident of Muncie for almost twenty-five years. Mr. Anderson was born on a farm in Niles township on June 22, 1875, and is a son of Felix P. and Mary J. Anderson, both of whom were born in Greene county, Ohio, and who came here and settled in Niles township following their marriage in Ohio. Reared on a farm, Burrell C. Anderson completed his schooling in the Albany schools and was for a time thereafter engaged in labor as a farm hand. He then rented a bit of land and farmed for himself a year, at the end of which time he opened a barber shop at Albany and thus started in a business which he was to follow for twenty years. Two years later he moved to Muncie and became engaged in the barber business here, three years afterward establishing the shop at "Five Points" which he continued to operate for fifteen years, at the end of which time he sold out that shop and became engaged in the grocery business, a line which he followed for three years. In the meantime he had been operating somewhat in the coal line and in 1921 he sold his grocery store and has since given his whole attention to his coal trade and to his developing business as a manufacturer of cement block, with a well equipped yard and plant at 406 Windsor street, and is doing well. In 1901 Burrell C. Anderson was united in marriage to Zola B. Schrack, and to this union four children have been born, Ruby, Ray, Helen and Elsie, two of whom are married. Ruby Anderson married Fred Conrad and has two children, Fred and Norman, and Helen Anderson married Paul Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Methodist Protestant church.

ELI HOOVER, candy jobber of Muncie, was born in that city and has lived there all his life, engaged in the cigar and tobacco business for the past thirty years and more. Mr. Hoover was born in 1854 and is a son of A. R. and Mary Jane (Freeman) Hoover, the latter of whom was a daughter of Isaac Freeman, one of the pioneers of Delaware county. A. R. Hoover also was born in this county, a member of the pioneer Hoover family here. Of the children born to him and his wife, five are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Lulu, and three brothers, C. L., Wilbur and Dr. J. E. Hoover. Reared at Muncie, Eli Hoover received his schooling in the local schools and was variously employed until in 1893, when he established the cigar and tobacco business in which he has since been engaged. About fifteen years ago he added the jobbing

of candy, and in that time has built up a business which has come to be recognized as one of the most substantial in the trade area in which the Hoover products are distributed. From its small beginning in 1893 the Hoover confectionery establishment has grown into the extensive plant now maintained by that concern at 316 West Main street and its products are being more and more widely distributed each year. Mr. Hoover is an Odd Fellow, a Knight of Pythias, an Elk and a Red Man. In 1877 Eli Hoover married Eldora Shick, of Muncie, daughter of Leonard and Psyche Shick, and to this union have been born three daughters, Edna, wife of George Roche; Psyche and Reba.

ROBERT SCOTT, who for many years was engaged in the hardware business at Muncie, a business which is being continued by his sons, operating under the name of the R. Scott Hardware Company, left a good memory at the time of his death in the summer of 1922, and it is but proper that there should be carried here some brief memorial to that veteran merchant. The late Robert Scott was a native of Scotland. He grew up as a machinist in his native land and there married Elizabeth Sandeman, who also was born in Scotland. Following their marriage he and his wife came to the United States and were for some time located at Brooklyn, N. Y., where he was placed in charge of the operations of a flax mill, later being transferred to a similar factory in Jersey City. When in the '80s the Boyce flax mill at Muncie was taken over by the company with which he was connected he was transferred to the Muncie plant and was in charge of the operations of that concern until in 1888, when he became engaged in business on his own account, opening a hardware store at 304 South Walnut street. For fourteen years Mr. Scott continued in business at that location and then (in 1902) moved to the site now occupied by the store at 312 East Main street, where the business has since been carried on. As his sons grew into the business, Mr. Scott organized as the R. Scott Hardware Company, and thus continued in business until his retirement in 1921. His death occurred in the next year, August 13, 1922, and the business since then has been carried on by his sons, Robert A. and James Scott. The Scott hardware store occupies two floors and the basement of the building in which it is located in East Main street, these floors being 33 by 125 feet in dimension, and is thus able to carry a stock of goods ample for local trade needs in that line. The senior Robert Scott was active in local commercial promotion enterprises and for some time served as a director of the old Commercial Club. He and

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his wife were members of the Presbyterian church and he had rendered service as a member of the board of trustees of that congregation. His wife had predeceased him a little more than seven years, her death having occurred on June 30, 1915. They had three children, the two sons, Robert A. and James Scott, and a daughter, Daisy S., the latter of whom married Fred Thalman and has two children, Frederick and Elizabeth Jane. The junior Robert Scott (Robert A.) was born in Jersey City, N. J., but was reared in Muncie and his schooling was completed at Wooster Academy, at the University of Michigan and at the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., his training having been directed with a view to assist in carrying on his father's hardware business. Both he and his brother literally "grew up" to this business and are thus worthy successors to its founder. During the time of this country's participation in the World war, Robert A. Scott rendered service in the Quartermaster's Department of the army in New York City. Upon his father's death he and his brother took charge of the business and have since been carrying it on. Robert A. Scott is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He married Alma Loucks and has one child, a son, Donald A. James Scott, the younger son of Robert and Elizabeth (Sandeman) Scott and a veteran of the World war, was born at Muncie on February 10, 1895, and has been associated with the operations of the hardware store since the days of his boyhood. He rendered military service during the time of the World war, enlisting on May 2, 1917, and continuing in service until his honorable discharge on October 2, 1919, almost a year after the war had come to an end, this service having been with the Coast Artillery Corps in Panama and with the 10th Company at Christobal. He married Alma Geer. Since the completion of his army service his time has been devoted to the affairs of the hardware store, in association with his brother, the two thus carrying on a business which has been established in Muncie for more than thirty-five years.

EDWARD C. DOEDING, head of the Doeding Coffee Company of Muncie, was born at Toledo, Ohio, in 1886, a son of Fred and Helen (Haafker) Doeding, and has been a resident of Muncie since he was seven years of age. He finished his schooling in Muncie, early became interested in commercial pursuits, for some time clerked in stores and then was made manager of one of the local "chain" stores, a position he occupied for nine years, at the end of which time he became engaged in business on his own account, roasting and blending coffee, and has since developed an extensive busi-

ness in that line, with his establishment at 119 West Jackson street. Mr. Doeding married Lina Shafer, daughter of John and Mary (Howell) Shafer, and has two children, a son, George F., and a daughter, Mary E. Mr. and Mrs. Doeding are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They reside on the West Jackson street road. Mr. Doeding's parents both were born in Germany and came to this country in their youth. They were married at Pittsburg, Pa., where Fred Doeding was employed as a nickel plater. He later moved to Toledo and thence after some years to Terre Haute, Ind., going thence presently to Vincennes, Ind., where he remained until in 1893, when he moved with his family to Muncie and here worked at his trade until his death. To him and his wife were born five children, the subject of this sketch and four daughters, Johannah, Mary, Margaret and Helen.

EDWARD FRANCIS TINDAL, M. D., a practicing physician of Muncie for the past twenty years and more, with special reference to surgery of the eye, ear, nose and throat, has been a resident of Indiana for more than twenty-five years, or ever since he entered upon the practice of his profession in 1897. Doctor Tindal was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Summerton, S. C., May 27, 1869, and after completing the course in the common schools there entered the University of South Carolina and took three years of instruction in that institution, completing the junior year. He then entered the pharmacy school of the university at Valparaiso, Ind., and was graduated from that institution in August, 1895. Two years later, in 1897, he was graduated from the Medical College of Indiana at Indianapolis and since then has followed several post-graduate courses along special lines at the Chicago Clinical School and at the Chicago Polyclinic. Upon receiving his medical degree in 1897 Doctor Tindal located at Stone Bluff, in Fountain county, this state, where he continued engaged in practice for four years, or until in 1901, when he came to Muncie and has since been engaged in practice here, making a specialty of eye, ear, nose and throat surgery, with offices in the Wysor building, Walnut and Main streets. Doctor Tindal is a member of the American Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Society, the Delaware County Medical Society and the Muncie Academy of Medicine. He is affiliated with Muncie lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Muncie lodge, No. 37, Knights of Pythias, and with Muncie camp, Modern Woodmen of America. He is the owner of a farm in Perry township, this county, and takes an active interest in farming and in the welfare

of the farming interests of the county. In 1895 Dr. Edward Francis Tindal was united in marriage to Hattie Malcolm, of Milford, Ind., and to this union one child has been born, a son, John M. Tindal, who is now a student in the Eastern Division of the Indiana State Normal School at Muncie. Doctor and Mrs. Tindal are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church and the Doctor has served for several years as a member of the official board of that congregation. Doctor Tindal's parents, Levi R. and Eliza M. (Brock) Tindal, both were born in Clarendon county, South Carolina, the latter a daughter of Colonel Brock, an officer of the Confederate army and a former member of the Legislature of that state. Levi R. Tindal, who became a successful farmer, also served as a soldier in the Confederate army during the time of the Civil war, four years with Gary's brigade, and on April 7, 1865, near Petersburg, Va., was captured by Grant's army. Both he and his wife were of Revolutionary descent.

ASHER L. MURRAY, of the Murray Rug and Drapery Company, Muncie, has been a resident of this city for nearly a quarter of a century, continually connected with mercantile activities, and thus has a wide acquaintance throughout the county. Mr. Murray was born in the pleasant village of Laurel, in Franklin county, Indiana, in 1870, and is a son of Isaac and Mollie E. (Sollenberger) Murray, both members of Pennsylvania families who had settled in that county in pioneer days. Isaac Murray was a merchant at Laurel. He and his wife were the parents of six children, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Mrs. Bertie Humphries and Mrs. Hattie Cruse, and three brothers, Charles Murray, a noted actor, member of the celebrated comedy team of Murray and Mack; Edward Murray, editor of the *Labor Review*, Dayton, Ohio, and Carver J. Murray, of Muncie. Reared at Laurel, Asher L. Murray received his schooling in the schools of that village and from boyhood in his father's store was trained in the ways of merchandising. As a young man he went to Cincinnati and was for some time employed there in the John Shillito department store, later becoming engaged in the insurance business, and was thus engaged until in 1899, when he came to Muncie and became employed as a department manager and buyer for the McNaughton store. For twenty years Mr. Murray remained with the McNaughtons, naturally in this time becoming thoroughly familiar with the trade needs of the wide area served in the Muncie market. In 1920 he established his present store at 125 West Charles street, doing business under the firm name of the

Murray Rug and Drapery Company, and has created there a distinctive establishment, given over entirely to rugs and draperies and such like furnishings of the home, with a stock quite equal to the growing local demand in that line. Mr. Murray is a member of the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1894 Asher L. Murray was united in marriage to Lela Twibell, daughter of George and Martha Twibell, of Blackford county, and to this union four children have been born, Louise, Esther, Mary Ellen and Marie. The Murrays reside at 509 West Adams street.

DR. TOM R. OWENS, one of the younger of the physicians of Muncie and a brother of the late Dr. O. W. Owens, who for more than twenty years was numbered among the best known of Delaware county's medical practitioners, was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of the pleasant village of Venedocia, in VanWert county, Ohio, March 5, 1891, and is a son of David J. and Margaret (Parry) Owens, who are still living there. David J. Owens was born at Anglesey, Wales, and was but six years of age when he came to this country with his parents, the family settling in Ohio, where he grew to manhood and became established as a farmer in the Venedocia neighborhood. He has been twice married and is the father of ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the last born. The late Dr. O. W. Owens, above referred to, who died at his home in Muncie in 1921, was born at Venedocia in 1869. He attended the old Middle Point Normal School and then for five years taught school, during which time he was carrying on preliminary studies in medicine, and in 1897 was graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College at Chicago. For three years thereafter he was engaged in practice at Venedocia and then, in 1900, came to Muncie, where the remainder of his life was spent. In 1902 Dr. O. W. Owens married Elizabeth Davies, daughter of Evan Davies, also of VanWert county, and to that union were born three sons, David Wendell, born in 1903; Walter Evan, 1907, and Richard Rapp, 1911. Dr. Tom R. Owens was graduated from the VanWert high school in 1910 and then for two years was engaged in teaching school, preparatory to entering college. He then for two years was a student in Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, pursuing a course there with special reference to further medical studies, and then entered the Medical School of the University of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1918. For a year or more after receiving his diploma Doctor Owens rendered service as an interne in the Cincinnati General Hospital and then, in 1920,

came to Muncie to join his elder brother, who then had been in practice here for twenty years. Upon starting in practice here Dr. Tom Owens had offices in the Johnson block in South Walnut street, but in May, 1922, his brother meanwhile having died, he moved into his present offices in the Western Reserve Life building. Doctor Owens is a member of the Muncie Academy of Medicine, of the Delaware-Blackford Medical Society and of the Indiana State Medical Society. He is a Freemason and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and are Republicans. In 1922 Dr. Tom R. Owens married Marie Williams, daughter of Leonard Williams, of Muncie, and he and his wife reside in the Ringgold apartments. They have a little daughter, Margaret Annah, born on November 14, 1923.

FRANK BECHTELL, proprietor of Bechtell's Cafe in South Mulberry street, Muncie, has been a resident of that city for more than half a century and has been engaged in business there for the past twenty-five years, so that he has come to be one of the best known restaurant men in eastern Indiana. Mr. Bechtell was born at Nenah, Wis., and was but a small child when his parents, George and Ellen (Birmingham) Bechtell came to Indiana in 1868 and established their home at Muncie. He thus grew up at Muncie and received his schooling in the schools of that city. As a young man he became interested in the restaurant business and in 1898 became engaged in this business on his account and has ever since been thus engaged, occupying the building he now occupies at 322 South Mulberry street, in the near vicinity of the interurban traction terminal station, since the year 1903. Mr. Bechtell is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Frank Bechtell married Jennie Laboyteaux and he and his wife have three children, Margaret, Ollie and Helen. The Bechtells reside at 322½ South Mulberry street.

EDWARD M. SLINGER, of the T. J. Slinger Sign Company, of Muncie, a concern that has been in operation here for nearly sixty years, was born in this city and has lived here all his life, actively interested from the days of his boyhood in the business which is now being operated in the third generation of this family, it having been established by his grandfather and continued by his father and is now being carried on in their generation by himself and his brother Harry, the latter of whom is a veteran of the World war. These brothers have three sisters, Alice, wife of Van Ogle; Mabel, wife of E. E. Cramer, and Lorene. They are children of Thomas J. and Emma (Templer) Slinger, the latter of whom was a daughter of James N. and Ann (Adair) Templer, the latter of whom was a

daughter of the pioneer John J. Adair. James N. Templer, who in his generation was for years one of the foremost lawyers of Delaware county, was born in the vicinity of Xenia, Ohio, a son of George W. and Hannah S. (Medsker) Templer. In 1857 he was admitted to the bar in this circuit and practiced law at Portland until his removal in 1871 to Muncie, where he spent the remainder of his life. Thomas J. Slinger was born at Newcastle, in the neighboring county of Henry, August 1, 1855, and is a son of Andrew J. and Lindamire (Needham) Slinger, the latter of whom also was born in Henry county, a member of one of the pioneer families there. Andrew J. Slinger, former sheriff of Delaware county and the founder of the Slinger sign works at Muncie, was born at Lafayette, Ind., January 20, 1834, and was a son of Thomas J. and Nancy (Fink) Slinger, the latter of whom was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania. Thomas J. Slinger was a native of England. In 1832 he came to Indiana and started a distillery at Lafayette, where he died in 1838. His widow later married Benjamin Runyon and became a resident of Henry county, where she died in 1877. When sixteen years of age Andrew J. Slinger went to Indianapolis, where he served an apprenticeship to a sign painter. He then set himself up as a painter at Newcastle and was thus engaged when the Civil war broke out. In 1861 he enlisted as a member of the band of the 36th Indiana and served with that organization until the regimental band was mustered out in March, 1862, when he returned and assisted in the recruiting of Company I of the 69th Indiana and was elected first lieutenant of that command. With this command he served until at the battle of Port Gibson he received a wound in the head which rendered him blind for a period of six months. He resigned his commission in July, 1863, and returned home but in September, 1864, he veteranized and returned to the front with the 25th Indiana, with which command he participated in the siege of Mobile and other movements in the Alabama campaign, receiving his final discharge in November, 1865, being mustered out with the rank of captain. Upon the completion of his military service Captain Slinger established himself in business as a contracting painter at Muncie, making a specialty of house and sign painting, and here spent the remainder of his life. In 1874 he was elected sheriff of Delaware county and served a term in that office. It was while serving as deputy to his father in the sheriff's office that Thomas J. Slinger, on January 25, 1876, was united in marriage to Emma Templer. He was about seven years of age when the family moved from Newcastle to Muncie

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and his schooling was completed in the schools of the latter city. From the time he was sixteen years of age he was an active assistant to his father in the latter's painting business and after his father's retirement in 1891 continued the business, which has been continued with his sons as active partners in the business, which now is carried on under the firm style of the T. J. Slinger Sign Company, with a well equipped establishment at 204½ South Walnut street, making a specialty of out-door advertising. Edward M. Slinger, active manager of this establishment, resides at 118 South Plum street.

HORTANCE L. OLIVER, formerly and for years the superintendent of the Muncie belt railroad and now the president and general manager of the Delaware Trucking Company at Muncie, has been a resident of Muncie for more than a quarter of a century and during that period has been an active factor in the development of the commercial and industrial life of the city. Mr. Oliver was born on a farm in Athens county, Ohio, April 15, 1856, and is a son of Leven and Elizabeth (Adair) Oliver, both of whom also were natives of the Buckeye state and members of pioneer families in that commonwealth. Leven Oliver was born in Morgan county, Ohio, and was reared there. After his marriage he established his home on a farm in Athens county and also became a rural merchant and live stock buyer, vocations he followed the remainder of his life. Of the seven children born to him and his wife the subject of this sketch alone became a resident of Delaware county. Reared on the home farm in Athens county, Hortance L. Oliver received his schooling in that county and when sixteen years of age followed an inclination to acquire a bit of Western experience and went to Texas, where for four years he was engaged working on cattle ranches. Upon attaining his majority he returned to Ohio and in 1878 became employed as a railroad brakeman on the Hocking Valley road out of Columbus. Eighteen months later he was made a freight conductor and was thus employed for eight years, at the end of which time he transferred his connection to the Columbus & Eastern road and in due time was promoted to the position of trainmaster of that road, operating out of the division headquarters at Columbus. In 1895 Mr. Oliver transferred his connection to the Lake Erie & Western road and in March, 1896, was made general yardmaster of that road at Tipton, Ind. In October of that same year he was transferred to the Muncie offices of the L. E. & W. as general yardmaster at this point and not long afterward was made superintendent of the Muncie Belt railroad. Mr. Oliver continued actively engaged as superintendent of the Belt

railroad until in 1913, when he resigned that position in order to take up the line in which he has since been engaged, motor truck transportation, it having become apparent to him at that time that a great new field of endeavor was lying dormant awaiting development. It was in September, 1913, that Mr. Oliver promoted the organization of the Delaware Trucking Company, of which he was made the manager, combining this with the operations of the Merchants Delivery Company, with particular reference to overland trucking, and out of this has grown the present Delaware Trucking Company of Muncie, operating no fewer than twenty motor trucks out of Muncie, with offices at 611 South High street and barns at 406 South Hackley street. This company makes a specialty of heavy haulage and the field of its operations not only extends throughout Indiana generally but throughout western Ohio. The Delaware Trucking Company is capitalized at $50,000, with the following officiary: President, H. L. Oliver; vice president, Emmet Wolf, and secretary-treasurer, Charles Henderson. Mr. Oliver is a Republican and is an active member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, a director of that organization in 1922 and now the head of the transportation and traffic committee of the same. In 1886 H. L. Oliver was united in marriage to Fannie Howell, daughter of Royal Howell, of Fostoria, Ohio, and he and his wife reside at 321 West Charles street. They have one child, a daughter, Florence, who married Ray V. Sowers, a Muncie manufacturer, and has a daughter, Evelyn. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver are members of the Presbyterian church.

ROY C. SOCIN, manager of the By-Lo Hardware Company of Muncie and a veteran of the World war, is a native of the old Buckeye state but a resident of Indiana by choice, and is becoming a definite factor in the commercial life of Muncie, where he has chosen to make his home. Mr. Socin was born at Shelby, in Richland county, Ohio, in 1890, and is a son of Traugott and Eunice (Becker) Socin, who not long afterward moved from Shelby to Galion, in the neighboring county of Crawford. It was thus that Roy C. Socin received his schooling at Galion. Upon leaving the high school he became interested in merchandising, with particular reference to the hardware trade, and as a young man became familiar with the details of hardware merchandising, starting as a clerk in a hardware store at Galion, and some time later was made manager of a hardware store at Frankfort, Ind. He later became engaged in business on his own account at Galion and was there until in 1918, when he came to Muncie as the manager of the store of the By-Lo Hardware Company, and has

since then been thus engaged, this store being a well equipped hardware establishment at 114 South Walnut street. During the time of this country's participation in the World war Mr. Socin rendered military service, with the army at Camp Pike. Mr. Socin is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1920 Roy C. Socin was united in marriage to Ada Harshman, of Albany, Ind., and to this union one child has been born, a son, John A. The Socins reside at 409 East Howard street.

EDWARD E. RIDGWAY, veteran tailor at Muncie, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Indiana and of Muncie for twenty-seven years. Mr. Ridgway was born in the village of Rio Grande, in Gallia county, Ohio, in 1867, and is a son of E. N. and Sarah E. (White) Ridgway, both of whom were born in that same county, the latter a daughter of Jacob White, who had moved into Ohio from Ulster county, Virginia. E. N. Ridgway, who at the age of ninety years is still living on the farm on which he was born in Gallia county, is a son of William Ridgway and wife, the latter of whom was a Daugherty, who were among the pioneers of that county. William Ridgway, a son of a soldier of the American Revolution, was of Welsh stock. As a young man he took a prospecting trip into South America and on his return settled in South Carolina, whence presently when the lands over in the Ohio country were being opened for settlement, he went over into what then was the Territory Northwest of the Ohio and located in the Chillicothe settlement, up the Scioto river in what came to be organized as Ross county. Later he moved down into Gallia county, where he purchased land in 1798, and there he established his home. One of his sons, Gus Ridgway, was a captain in the Union army during the time of the Civil war. E. N. Ridgway and wife had five children, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Ollie P., wife of Doctor Rawson, of Des Moines, Ia.; Mrs. Jessie L. Rawson, of Indianapolis, and Harriet E., and a brother, Elmer E. Ridgway. Reared on the home farm in the immediate vicinity of Rio Grande, in Gallia county, Ohio, Edward E. Ridgway received his schooling in the Rio Grande schools and early became interested in mercantile lines, leaving the farm to take a clerkship in a dry goods store at Washington C. H. From there he presently went to Columbus, Ohio, where he was made a department manager in one of the larger stores, and from there after awhile to Knoxville, Tenn., where he became connected with the McNulty store. Some time later he returned to Ohio and after a bit of further mercantile experience at Dayton went

to Indianapolis and took a position in a clothing store. In 1897 Mr. Ridgway came to Muncie for service in the Cohen dry goods store and presently formed an association with W. L. Holmes in the tailoring line, later going into the clothing store of Charles Bender, where he remained ten years. He then opened a shop in the Delaware Hotel building and after five years there moved to the Kirby Hotel building, where he remained six years, at the end of which time he opened his present tailoring establishment in the old city hall building, corner of Jefferson and Jackson streets, and has since been established there, operating a pressing plant in connection with his general tailoring, and is doing well. Edward E. Ridgway married Jennie Ritchey, of Muncie, and he and his wife have two children, a daughter, Susan, and a son, Robert E., the former of whom married A. A. Henninger, of Syracuse, N. Y., general manager and vice-president of the New Process Gear Corporation. Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway reside at 511 East Jackson street. He is a member of the Baptist church and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Travelers Protective Association.

CLAUDE EARL ECKENBERG, manager of the local store of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company at Muncie as well as sales manager for the agency division in this locality, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Muncie since the days of his childhood. Mr. Eckenberg was born at Indianapolis on July 26, 1884, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Gray) Eckenberg, the latter of whom was born in Hendricks county, this state. William Eckenberg, who has for years been engaged in the restaurant business at Muncie, became interested in the catering business at Indianapolis years ago and was for some time the steward of one of the hotels there. In 1889 he moved with his family to Muncie, being attracted by the possibilities then opening out here in connection with the development of the natural gas industries, and has ever since resided here, for the past seventeen or eighteen years having been in business as a restaurateur at 509 South Walnut street. Claude E. Eckenberg was but five years of age when he came to Muncie with his parents in 1889. As a boy he began clerking in a grocery store and in 1901, when seventeen years of age, began his connection with the stores of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, clerking in the local branch of this company's great chain of stores, and thus early became familiar with the details of this form of economic distribution of food products. In 1906, he then being just past his majority, Mr. Eckenberg was made manager of

the local store of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company at 212 South Walnut street and has ever since been in charge of this company's interests in Muncie. As time passed his responsibilities in this connection were increased and he was made sales manager of a gradually increasing chain of this company's stores in eastern Indiana, until now this managerial supervision of sales covers not only the Muncie agency but Anderson, Richmond, Kokomo, Marion, Wabash, Peru, Elwood, Tipton, Noblesville, Newcastle and Winchester, besides a number of agencies in the smaller towns and villages in this great trade area. It is interesting to know that the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company now operates a chain of no fewer than 9,000 stores throughout the United States. Mr. Eckenberg is a York Rite (Knights Templar) and Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, a Republican and a member of the United Commercial Travelers Association, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist church. In 1906 Mr. Eckenberg was united in marriage to Margaret May Neely and to this union one child has been born, a son, William Edward Eckenberg. Mrs. Eckenberg was born in Springfield, Ohio, daughter of James J. and Elizabeth (McGuire) Neely, and was about eight years of age when she came to Muncie with her mother, and she thus was reared in this city.

FRANCIS CLAYTON MANSFIELD, a member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court, junior member of the law firm of White & Mansfield, former county attorney and former city judge, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and has resided here all his life. Mr. Mansfield was born on a farm in Hamilton township on June 22, 1882, and is a son of George R. and Lucinda A. (Kirkwood) Mansfield, both of whom also were born in this county, the former in Hamilton township and the latter in Washington township, and who are now living at Eaton. George R. Mansfield, former county clerk, was reared on a farm in Hamilton township, son of Robert and Diana (Gibson) Mansfield, and after his marriage became engaged in farming in that same township. He later moved to Union township, where he remained until his election as clerk of Delaware county in 1898, when he moved to Muncie. He served as clerk from August 1, 1898, to January, 1905, later taking up his residence at Eaton, where he is now living retired. Clayton Mansfield was seventeen years of age when his parents moved to Muncie upon his father's election to the clerk's office, and his public schooling was completed in the schools of that city.

He supplemented this by some very practical educational work as a teacher in the schools of this county, teaching in all six terms of district school, meanwhile pursuing preparatory studies in law, and then took a course in Indiana University, specializing in liberal arts and law, and in 1913 was admitted to the bar of the Delaware circuit court and has ever since been practicing law in Muncie. In 1915 Mr. Mansfield entered into a partnership in practice with Robe Carl White and this arrangement continues, though since in March, 1921, Mr. White's attention has been chiefly directed to his present official duties as a legal assistant in the office of the secretary of labor at Washington. Mr. Mansfield is a Republican. In 1917, following the death of Judge Ralph S. Gregory, Mr. Mansfield was appointed by Governor Goodrich to the office of judge of the Muncie city court to fill that unexpired term, and in 1919 he was appointed by the judge of the circuit court to the position of probate commissioner. In 1920-21 he served as county attorney, under appointment of the board of county commissioners. Mr. Mansfield is a member of Welcome lodge No. 37, Knights of Pythias and has served two terms (1916-17 and 1920-21) as exalted ruler of the local lodge ot the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and served as chairman of the building committee when the Elks club house was erected, an admirable work of which he was one of the leading promoters. He also is a member of the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose.

IRA BENBOW, of the firm of Benbow Bros., home decorators, Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the old families here, and has lived in this county all his life, a resident of Muncie since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Benbow was born in the historic old hamlet of Mt. Pleasant on the old Franklin pike, in Perry township, October 28, 1878, and is a son of Ephraim and Mary E. (Hutchings) Benbow, both of whom also were born in this county, and who in the early '80s moved from Mt. Pleasant to the New Corner (Gaston) neighborhood, where they established their home on a farm. Ira Benbow was but a lad when his parents moved with their family to the Gaston neighborhood and his schooling was received in the rural schools. As a young man out of school he left the farm and came to Muncie where he became employed in the plant of the Ball Bros. Glass Manufacturing Company. After a few years of that employment he began working for his brother, W. C. Benbow, who meanwhile had become engaged as a home decorator at Muncie, and was thus employed until in 1919, when he and his brother formed a partnership in this line, under the firm name of Benbow Bros.,

and have since then been thus engaged, with a well equipped place of business at No. 6, Western Reserve Life building, corner of Jackson and High streets, their place of business being known as the Home Decorators, general contractors in all forms of household and interior decoration, with particular reference to wall paper. Mr. Benbow is a member of the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Loyal Order of Moose. In 1898, at Muncie, Ira Benbow was united in marriage to Kate E. Tharp, who also was born in this county, daughter of Edward Tharp, and to this union five children have been born, Amo E., Carrie E., Robert, Raymond and Irene. Robert Benbow married Ruth Parr, of Muncie. Mr. and Mrs. Benbow are members of the Baptist church and are Republicans. They reside at 703 East Jackson street.

VINCENT W. JONES, proprietor of the Sterling Cash Grocery at Muncie, president of the school board of that city and chairman of the Public library board, was born on a farm in Wells county, Indiana, September 24, 1873, and is a son of John T. and Susan (Tomlinson) Jones, the latter of whom was born in Delaware county, a member of the pioneer Tomlinson family of this county. John T. Jones, who is still farming in Wells county, where he has resided for many years, was born in Huntington county, this state. Reared on the home farm in Wells county, Vincent W. Jones received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and remained at home until he had reached his majority, when he went to Montpelier, in the neighboring county of Blackford and there became engaged as a clerk in a grocery and queensware store. Two years later he was made manager of one of the leading stores at Montpelier and was thus engaged for some years, thus becoming thoroughly familiar with the details of retail mercantile business. In 1907 Mr. Jones and his brother, Lewis Jones, bought the Sterling Grocery at Muncie and in 1920 he bought his brother's interest in this establishment and has since been carrying on the business alone, proprietor of what is said to be the largest retail grocery store in the city, occupying the first floor and basement of the Commercial Club building at the corner of Main and Jefferson streets, and where is carried on not only a well equipped grocery but a bakery and meat market. Mr. Jones is a Democrat and for the past four years and more has been serving as president of the city school board, in succession to the late Theodore F. Rose. He also is the head of the public library board. Mr. Jones was one of the organizers of the Citizens Finance Association and has been president of that organization since its

inception. He is a member of the directorate of the Peoples Trust Company, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is affiliated with the local Rotary Club. In 1903 Vincent W. Jones was united in marriage to Edith M. Jones, daughter of John W. and Amanda Jones, of Wayne county, Indiana, and to this union three sons have been born, Paul W., Frederick Earl and Herman Vincent, the latter of whom died at the age of fifteen months. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Jones is a member of the official board of that congregation. Paul W. Jones is now a student at Purdue University, specializing in chemistry.

JOHN C. HAMPTON, of the Hampton Furniture and Undertaking Company of Muncie, a veteran of the World war and chairman of the Republican central committee in the city of Muncie, is a native Hoosier, a member of one of the old families in eastern Indiana, and has lived in this state all his life. Mr. Hampton was born in Indianapolis on February 5, 1891, and is a son of John B. and Mary (McCormick) Hampton, the latter of whom was born in the village of New Paris, in Preble county, Ohio, where she and John B. Hampton were married. John B. Hampton, now living in Indianapolis, was born in Wayne county, this state, a son of Oliver H. Hampton, an influential Quaker in that county in his generation and one of the "conductors" of the famous "underground railroad" operated during ante-bellum days to aid fleeing slaves to freedom in the North. Following his marriage, John B. Hampton made his home in Indianapolis for some time and then moved to Fountain City, in Wayne county, but after awhile returned to Indianapolis, where he is now living, a salesman for a concern manufacturing concrete mixers and steam shovels. John C. Hampton was but a child when his parents moved from Indianapolis to Fountain City and he was graduated from the high school in the latter place. He then became a clerk in a furniture and hardware store at Centerville and two years later went to Richmond, where for four years he was connected with the Reed Furniture Company, becoming there well grounded in the details of the furniture business, and where, when twenty-three years of age, he was married. Two years later, in 1916, Mr. Hampton came to Muncie and in association with Horace G. Hampton became engaged in the furniture and undertaking business here, this partnership being carried on under the firm style of the Hampton Furniture and Undertaking Company, with store and establishment at 1413-15-17 South Walnut street, and has ever since been thus engaged

in business save for the period spent in army service during the time of this country's participation in the World war. In 1917 Mr. Hampton enlisted his services in the army and was assigned to the medical detachment of the Ft. Thomas hospital, where he served in the surgical section until his discharge on January 6, 1919, the war then being over. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Hampton returned to Muncie and resumed his place in business here. He is an active Republican and is the present chairman of the city central committee of that party. He also is a jury commissioner for the circuit court. Mr. Hampton is a Freemason and has attained to both the chapter (Royal Arch) and the council (Royal and Select Masters) in that ancient order. He is the present exalted ruler of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and a past worthy president of the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He also is affiliated with the American Legion and the Knights of Pythias and with the scholastic fraternity Phi Delta Kappa. It was on March 26, 1914, while living at Richmond, that John C. Hampton was united in marriage to Agnes Keifer, who was born at Cincinnati but who moved with her parents, John and Anna (Kirschuer) Keifer, to Richmond when she was twelve years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Hampton reside at 203 East Seventh street.

ALBERT GROULEFF, of the firm of Grouleff & Mauck, lumber dealers at Muncie, is of European birth but has been a resident of this country since the days of his young manhood and of Muncie for near a quarter of a century. Mr. Grouleff was born in the Kingdom of Denmark in 1868 and is a son of Carl and Caroline (Salling) Grouleff. Reared in his native land, Mr. Grouleff received excellent schooling there and as a young man came to the United States and proceeded on out into the "big timber" region of Michigan, where he became familiar with the lumber industry "from the ground up." He presently became associated with the Salling Hanson Company, with headquarters at Grayling, Mich., and was there engaged in the lumber business until in 1901, when he came to Muncie and in association with L. H. Klus established the lumber business on North Walnut street, now carried on under the firm name of Grouleff & Mauck, and has ever since been thus engaged. In addition to the establishment there of one of the most extensive lumber yards in eastern Indiana, this firm also has a well equipped lumber mill and makes a specialty of the manufacture of sashes and doors, besides handling a general line of builders' supplies. In 1889, at Manistee, Mich., Albert Grouleff was united in marriage to Ada Dunlap of that

place. Mr. and Mrs. Grouleff have a daughter, Edna, wife of L. W. Scattergood. Mr. Grouleff is a Freemason of high degree and is also a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Elks, and the Muncie Chamber of Commerce. The Grouleffs reside at 407 Wheeling avenue.

THE REV. WILLIAM GRAHAM EVERSON, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, Muncie, veteran of the Spanish-American and the World wars, was born on July 1, 1879, in Wooster, Ohio, a son of J. M. and Annie (Riddel) Everson. He was graduated from Franklin College in 1903 with the degree of A. B., and from the Newton Theological Institution in 1908 with the degree B. D.; took special work at Harvard University, and has been honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Prior to coming to Muncie on March 1, 1921, Doctor Everson served leading churches in Boston, Indianapolis, Louisville and Cincinnati. While in Cincinnati he led in the erection of the Norwood Baptist church—a building that could not be duplicated for less than $250,000. Doctor Everson's ministry has been successful in reaching great crowds of people. As explanation for going to the hospitals, factories, slums and every other place, he says, "It's ten per cent preaching and ninety per cent trying to practice what I preach." He is a member of the National Speaker's Bureau of the American Legion, besides being a Chautauqua lecturer of national reputation. Doctor Everson has been active in military matters, having served nine months in the Spanish-American war, fifteen years in the Indiana National Guard, and two years in the World war. In May, 1917, he was an instructor at Fort Benjamin Harrison. After training officers at the First Officer's Training Camp and troops at Camp Sherman, Ohio, he was sent with the 83d Division to France, then with the only American regiment that went to Italy. Besides assignments on various sectors on the Italian front, he organized and commanded the only American sector in Italy, went across the Piave river and on for nearly a hundred miles in the last crushing drive against the Austrians, then to the east coast of the Adriatic where he commanded the American contingent and served in Trieste, Fiume, Dalmatia and Montenegro. He has citations and decorations from England, France, Italy, Jugo-Slavia and the United States. He has served in every grade from that of private up to his present grade of brigadier general, commanding the 76th Infantry Brigade. On August 31, 1904, the Rev. William G. Everson was united in marriage at Franklin, Ind., to Mary Coon, only daughter

of I. W. and Mary (Dinwiddie) Coon. They have two children—John David, born May 16, 1910, and Mary Louise, June 13, 1918. Doctor Everson and his associates in the work of the First Baptist church refer to their organization as "the church of progress and activity for every good work, with love and a welcome for all," and point out that "our ambition is to serve efficiently the largest number of people." Under Doctor Everson's ministry much has been made of the institutional activities of this congregation and such progress has been noted in church work and growing membership that plans even now are being matured for the erection of a more commodious place of worship, the frequent requisition of the "Standing Room Only" sign at church services stressing the demand for a larger edifice. It is not improper to say that Doctor Everson has attracted much favorable attention on the lecture platform, the earnestness and enthusiasm of his address winning his hearers. As the New York *World* said of him: "There have been many 'fighting parsons' among the chaplains, but here is a preacher who took his place with combat troops and comes back a colonel of infantry. Call him what you will—he looks every inch a real man." And this is true, as all who have seen him either in the pulpit or on the platform will testify. One of his lectures, "The Challenge of the Impossible," is based upon his analysis of the result of personal war experiences and an appreciation of present world opportunities. It is his conclusion that the war proved that but few things are really impossible. The "impossible," he says, "fired ambitions and forced men to find some solution." "Impossible positions" were shattered and the hobnail shoes of the United States soldier never retreated an inch. He then asks: Dare we put anything less into the world tasks that confront us now? There are hundreds of "impossible things" everywhere—business, political and religious impossibilities. These come as a mighty challenge and the measure of the man is the spirit in which he meets the challenge. This, concludes Doctor Everson, to a man with red blood and iron nerves is the glory of living.

J. L. MOORE, president of the Moore Company, manufacturers of springs, at Muncie (Westside), has been a resident of that city since 1910, in which year the plant of which he is the head and general manager was moved from Bellevue, Ohio, and the present buildings of this company in Westside were erected. The business now carried on by the Moore Company was organized in Bellevue in 1907 and was carried on there until its removal in 1910 to Muncie, where it has developed a well established plant, its specialty being the man-

ufacture of metal springs, with particular reference to bed springs. In the same building is housed the plant of the Hager Manufacturing Company, which also is controlled by the Moore Company, the specialty of this latter concern being the manufacture of wire and steel specialties, with particular reference to steel link fabrics. The officers of the Moore Company are as follows: President, J. L. Moore; vice-president, Clinton G. Moore; secretary, Ray H. Shuster. J. L. Moore was born in Bellevue, Ohio, in 1877, and is a son of William L. and Anna (Steele) Moore, the former of whom was engaged in the hardware business. J. L. Moore married Gertrude Barth and has one child, a son, Clinton, who is now a student in the Culver Military Academy. Mr. Moore is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Muncie and with the local Rotary Club. The Moores reside at 214 West Washington street.

JOHN OSBORN LEWELLEN, former superintendent of the schools of Delaware county, now and for years past a member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court and also a real estate dealer in Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, and has resided here all his life, for more than forty years a resident of Muncie. Mr. Lewellen was born in the historic old village of Smithfield, in Liberty township, July 31, 1852, and is a son of Zerah M. and Sarah Ann (Truitt) Lewellen, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a member of the pioneer Truitt family that has been represented in Delaware county from the days of the settlement period here. Zerah M. Lewellen was a Virginian, born in that section of the Old Dominion now known as West Virginia, and was nine years of age when he came to Indiana with his parents, Philip and Mary Ann Lewellen, the family settling on a pioneer farm in Liberty township, this county, and it was there that Zerah M. Lewellen grew to manhood. He learned the wagon-maker's trade and after his marriage established his home at Smithfield, where he became engaged in business as a wagon-maker. He also owned a farm in the Smithfield neighborhood. In 1870 he disposed of his interests there and moved to Harrison township. He later moved to Eaton, later to Spiceland, thence to Selma and thence to Shideler, at which latter place his last days were spent, his death occurring there on February 2, 1900, he then being seventy-one years of age. His wife had predeceased him about seven years, her death having occurred at Selma on June 4, 1893, she then being in her sixty-third year. Of the seven children born

to Zerah M. Lewellen and wife, and of whom the subject of this sketch was the first born, five grew to maturity and had families of their own, so that the Lewellen connection of this line in the present generation is a considerable one. Of these others, there were three daughters, all now deceased, Ida M., Mary E., who married William Bosman, and Elizabeth, who married Tabor Allis, and two sons, Arthur L. and Emery W. Lewellen. Reared in Delaware county John Osborn Lewellen received his common schooling in the schools of the county and at the age of twenty began to teach school. When twenty years of age he entered the old Methodist college at Xenia, Ohio, the successor of the pioneer Methodist Collegiate Institute there, later took a course in old Holbrook school at Lebanon, Ohio (National Normal School), and then entered the Northern Indiana Normal at Valparaiso, Ind., from which latter institution he was graduated in 1877 with the degree of Bachelor of Science, this course presently being supplemented by a four-years course of chautauqua work. Mr. Lewellen continued teaching, in the schools of Eaton and at Albany, and in 1883 was elected superintendent of schools of Delaware county. By successive re-elections he was retained in this responsible position for fourteen years, or until in 1897, and during that time accomplished much in the way of getting the schools of this county established on a basis conforming to the "modern" standards which were being developed during that period. He became recognized as one of the forceful factors in the educational system of Indiana and a copyrighted outline course of study which he evolved during this term of service became widely used. Meanwhile Mr. Lewellen was giving his thoughts to the study of law and upon retiring from the county superintendent's office took a course in the Indiana Law School at Indianapolis and in 1900 was admitted to practice and opened an office at Muncie, where he ever since has been engaged in the practice of law and in the general real estate and insurance business, with offices at 102½ North Walnut street, just across the street from the court house. Mr. Lewellen is a Republican and has for years taken an interested part in local political affairs. He is a Freemason and was also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which order he is a past noble grand; with the Knights of Pythias, a past chancellor commander, and with the Improved Order of Red Men, a past sachem. On December 25, 1877, John O. Lewellen was united in married to Huldah Eleanor Crampton, daughter of Mahlon and Ruth Jane (Crane) Crampton, of Harrison township, this county, and to this union were born three sons, Albert

Ross, Harry Crampton and Wendell Gladstone Lewellen. Mrs. Lewellen's schooling was completed at Franklin, Ohio, and in the Chautauqua course and for some years prior to her marriage she had been engaged as a teacher in the schools of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Lewellen are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. They reside at 303 East North street. Albert Ross Lewellen, now living in Detroit, married Essie Leffler and has three children, Elmer Carl, Lenora Eleanor and Albert Ross, Jr. Harry Crampton Lewellen, now living at Lafayette, Ind., married Alpha Boch and has two children, Huldah E. and John O. Wendell Gladstone Lewellen, now living at Detroit, married Hazel Hardsog and has one child, a son, Wendell Gladstone, Jr.

WARREN A. JACKSON, a real estate broker at Muncie, former president of the local Real Estate Board, and also a dealer in general moving picture supplies and theater equipment, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families, and has lived here all his life, an active figure in Muncie's commercial circles since the days of his youth. Mr. Jackson was born in 1868 and is a son of William N. and Sarah (Collins) Jackson, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a daughter of Henderson Collins, one of the county's pioneers. William N. Jackson, an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born in Greenup county, Kentucky, a son of Thomas Jackson, a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, who in 1844 came up into Indiana with his family and located at Muncie, where the Jacksons of this line ever since have been prominently represented. It was thus that Thomas Jackson was living here when the war with Mexico came on in 1846, and he enlisted for service in the army and took part in that brief struggle. William N. Jackson was but a child when he came here with his parents in 1844 and he grew to manhood in Muncie and was living here when the Civil war broke out. In 1862 he went to the front as a member of Company E of the 19th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and with that command, a part of the Army of the Potomac, served until the close of the war. He became one of the organizers of Williams post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Muncie and was long the adjutant of the post. He and his wife were the parents of six children, the subject of this sketch, the fifth in order of birth, having two sisters, Mary M. and Laura E., and three brothers, Dr. Frank G. Jackson, H. M. Jackson and Charles ("Chic") Jackson, the latter of whom is a well known artist at Indianapolis and creator of the comic strip "Roger Bean," which has become widely popular throughout the country and with

which the people of Muncie have for years been familiar through its publication in the *Star*. Reared at Muncie, Warren A. Jackson received his schooling in the schools of that city and upon leaving high school became employed with the Kimbrough Hardware Company. He later took employment as a buyer for the Wachtel department store and was thus engaged until the developing possibilities of the moving picture industry attracted his attention and with Lee Shaw and Hershel Canan, he established the Royal theater at Muncie. In 1917 Mr. Jackson enlarged the sphere of his activities by becoming engaged in the real estate business and has become one of the active local operators along that line. In 1922 he served as president of the Muncie Real Estate Board, and he also served as head of the recent "Home Beautiful" movement which has meant so much for Muncie. He is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and he and his wife are members of the Baptist church. Mr. Jackson married Margaret Irvin, daughter of Lafayette and Ella (Hill) Irvin, and he and his wife have a daughter, Helen. The Jacksons reside at 331 North Vine street.

CHARLES A. WOOD, of the Kirby-Wood Lumber Company of Muncie, a concern with which he has been connected for more than thirty years, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Muncie since he was ten years of age, this period of residence now covering nearly forty-five years, so that he thus has been a witness to and a participant in the development of Muncie since the days before the coming of the "new era" following the opening of the gas field here. Mr. Wood was born in the neighboring county of Randolph, not far south of Winchester, in 1870, and is the son and only child of Julius C. and Clara (Morgan) Wood, the latter of whom was born in Cincinnatti, Ohio, a daughter of William and Sarah (Miller) Morgan, the former of whom was a son of William Morgan, a native of New Jersey, who was one of the pioneers of Wayne county, Indiana. The late Julius C. Wood, a veteran of the Civil war and for many years one of the active figures in the local lumber trade, also was a native of Wayne county, born on April 10, 1847, and was a son of Joseph T. and Sophronia (Fender) Wood, the former of whom was a son of Thomas Wood and wife (the latter a Jones), Virginians, who had become residents of Wayne county in 1816, the year in which Indiana was admitted to statehood. Joseph T. Wood was a farmer. In 1857 he left the farm and with his family moved to Richmond. It was thus that Julius C. Wood received his

schooling at Richmond. He early became attracted to the lumber industry and as a boy began working in a saw mill at Richmond. When seventeen years of age, in 1864, he enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union in the Civil war then being waged and went to the front as a member of Company I of the 124th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the close of the war, participating in the battle of Franklin (Tenn.), in the Atlanta campaign, with Sherman's army, and with that army's march to Goldsboro, and was thus present when Johnson's forces capitulated, one of the decisive factors in the final downfall of the Confederacy. Mr. Wood was mustered out with his regiment at New York city and then returned to Richmond, where he became employed as a carpenter and where, two years later, in his twenty-first year, he married. Not long after this he became engaged in partnership with his brother, W. H. H. Wood, in lumber milling four miles south of Winchester, in Randolph county, and was thus engaged until in 1880, when he moved to Muncie to become superintendent of the lumber mill and yards of the A. L. Johnson company which had been established there a few years prior to that date. In 1890 Mr. Wood acquired an interest in this concern and later, in association with his son Charles and Carey Franklin, took over the Johnson interest and thereafter carried on the business under the name of J. C. Wood & Co., and continued active in business until his death in 1917. Mr. Wood was a Scottish Rite and York Rite Mason and he and his wife were members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. It was on October 10, 1867, at Richmond, that Julius C. Wood was united in marriage to Clara Morgan and to this union was born Charles A. Wood, who is now carrying on in the lumber industry at Hoyt avenue and Liberty street, with which his father became connected nearly forty-five years ago. Charles A. Wood was ten years of age when he came with his parents to Muncie. He supplemented his local schooling by a course in Depauw University, where he specialized in civil engineering, and was for some time employed as a civil engineer, or until in 1894, when he became associated with his father in the lumber mill, a concern with which he ever since has been connected and which since 1922 has been doing business under the name of the Kirby-Wood Lumber Company. Mr. Wood has other business interests in the city. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1892 Charles A. Wood

was united in marriage to Carrie Strawn, daughter of Jeptha and Emily (Hawk) Strawn, and to this union two daughters have been born, Emily C. and Ruth Wood, the former of whom is a teacher in the Muncie public schools. Mr. Wood and his family reside at 320 West Jackson street.

JOHN F. McNAUGHTON, president of the old established concern of W. A. McNaughton & Company at Muncie, proprietors of one of the leading general department stores in Indiana, was born in the pleasant old town of Edinburg, in Johnson county, Indiana, July 2, 1877, and is a son of William A. and Anna (Walsh) McNaughton, the latter of whom also was born at Edinburg, daughter of John and Mary Walsh. The late William A. McNaughton, founder of the McNaughton store at Muncie, was born in Crawford county, Indiana, a son of the Rev. Samuel W. McNaughton, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is set out elsewhere in this work, together with details of the mercantile career of William A. McNaughton and of his establishment in 1896 of the concern which bears his name at Muncie, and which since 1903 has been carried on in the present McNaughton building at the southeast corner of Walnut and Charles streets, a five-story building, with full basement, carrying right around 100,000 square feet of floor space, an establishment which thus for more than twenty years has been regarded as one of the "show places" of Muncie. When the McNaughton store was established in Muncie in 1896 five or six clerks were sufficient for the needs of the business. The present department store employs 175 or more persons. William A. McNaughton died on May 25, 1909, and the firm name which he established, W. A. McNaughton & Co., has been continued, John F. McNaughton, only surviving son of the founder of the firm, having been president of the company since its reorganization after his father's death. John F. McNaughton was but three years of age when his parents moved from Edinburg to Franklin, and his schooling was completed in Franklin College. From the days of his boyhood he had taken an interest in the affairs of his father's store and when his father's mercantile activities were transferred from Franklin to Muncie he entered wholeheartedly into the new enterprise and from the beginning has been an active factor in the development of the present extensive department store and since the death of his father has been president of the company operating the same. Mr. McNaughton married Ida M. Terrill of Anderson, Ind. He is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order

of Elks. Mrs. McNaughton is a daughter of Dr. L. B. and Emily (Moore) Terrill, the latter of whom was born and reared in Kentucky. Dr. L. B. Terrill, who for years was a practicing physician at Anderson, was a native of Missouri but was reared in Kentucky.

CHARLES O. SCHUSTER, vice president and manager of the Muncie Ice and Coal Company, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Indiana since he was a boy and of Muncie for the past fourteen years. Mr. Schuster was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, March 23, 1879, and is a son of Christian Abel and Cornelia Ann (Andrews) Schuster, both of whom were born in that same county and the latter of whom died when she was thirty-five years of age. She was a daughter of Abraham Andrews, a native of the Isle of Jersey, off the English coast, who had come to this country and had made his home in Montgomery county, Ohio. Christian Abel Schuster was a son of Christian Schuster, a native of Germany, who had made his home in Montgomery county not long after coming to this country. After the death of his first wife, by whom he was the father of three children, Christian A. Schuster married again and by this latter union was the father of two children. He died when he was forty-one years of age. Charles O. Schuster was reared at Miamisburg, Ohio, and was twelve years of age when his father died. He thereafter made his home with his father's brother on a farm in Wabash county, Indiana, had one year of high school and when eighteen years of age, in 1897, went to Marion, Ind., where he became employed in the plant of the Marion Ice and Cold Storage Company, where he became thoroughly familiar with the details of the ice business and where he remained until in the spring of 1910, when he was transferred to the Muncie plant of this same company, operating as the Muncie Ice and Coal Company, though not now dealing in coal, and was made manager of the offices and plant of this company at Muncie, the position he ever since has occupied. This company has a well equipped plant for the manufacture and distribution of ice and Mr. Schuster has a wide acquaintance in the trade throughout this part of the state. This ice plant is the largest in this part of the state, having a capacity of seventy-two tons of ice a day and storage capacity of 1,600 tons. Mr. Schuster is a Democrat and is a member of the Muncie city plan commission, reference to which is made elsewhere in this work. He is a 32° (Scottish Rite) Mason and a Knight Templar and also is a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In 1903, while living at Marion, Charles O Schuster was united in marriage to

CHARLES O. SCHUSTER

Jessie M. White, who was born at Lafontaine, in Wabash county, this state, and to this union two daughters have been born, Cornelia Ann and Philora Nell. Mr. and Mrs. Schuster and their daughters are members of the First Presbyterian church.

ARCHIE C. McCABE, chief of the Muncie fire department, has been a part of that department for nearly twenty years and thus has been a factor in the development of the department from its former somewhat primitive state to its present highly efficient and strictly modernized state, with motorized equipment and all the essential up-to-date appliances for successful operation in these days of highly specialized performance. Chief McCabe is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. He was born in the village of Daleville on January 26, 1883, and is a son of George W. and Clara Jane (Parker) McCabe, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Madison and died in Muncie in 1914, at the age of fifty years. George W. McCabe, a stationary engineer, now living at Muncie, where he has made his home for nearly twenty years, was born at Brookville, Ind., May 12, 1859, and is a son of William McCabe, a native of Scotland and a soldier of the Union during the Civil war who was captured in battle by the enemy and was sent to the infamous Libby prison at Richmond, Va., where all further knowledge of him ended, for he never was restored to his friends and family and is thus supposed to have lost his life there and to have been given an unmarked grave on that doleful spot. His widow died a few years later and the doubly orphaned son, George W. McCabe, was reared in the home of John Gold, in Madison county, where he grew to manhood. Following his marriage Mr. McCabe established his home at Daleville and there resided until in 1905, when he moved with his family to Muncie, which ever since has been his home, and where, as stated above, his wife died in 1914. Besides the son Archie, he has a daughter, Sylvia Ann, who is her father's housekeeper. Reared at Daleville, Archie McCabe received his schooling in the schools of that village and as a young man worked for a while in the stove foundry which then was in operation there and later in a glass factory. He was twenty-two years of age when the family moved to Muncie in 1905 and in the next year, beginning on April 16, 1906, he became a member of the Muncie fire department, with which he ever since has been connected and in which he has risen, by right of earned promotion, to the position of chief. On January 1, 1915, Mr. McCabe was appointed clerk of the department and secretary to the board of safety and on March 18, 1918, was

appointed to his present highly responsible position as chief of the department. During the time of his incumbency as head of Muncie's excellent fire-fighting force Chief McCabe has brought about many important improvements in the department, has directed the installation of much new and modern motorized equipment, the erection of the admirable new central fire station and some of the outlying stations; in fact, a general rehabilitation of the department during the past few years, this including the installation in the spring of 1920 of $25,000 worth of additional equipment and since then of such needed equipment as new conditions demand, until now Muncie rightly prides itself upon the possession of a thoroughly up-to-date fire department in full keeping with its progress in other directions. Chief McCabe is a member of the International Association of Fire Engineers and keeps fully abreast of all advances in fire-fighting methods. He is a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason, a Knight Templar and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is a member of the Christian church and of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce. In 1910 Archie McCabe was united in marriage to Sarah Hart, of Muncie, who died on January 7, 1918, leaving one child, a son, George Robert McCabe.

MACGINDLEY A. McCANN, vice president of he A. E. Boyce Company, general printers and dealers in office supplies at Muncie, has been connected with the operations of that thriving concern ever since the days of his boyhood and by successive promotions has risen in service from the humble position of delivery boy to his present administrative position. Though not a native son of Muncie, Mr. McCann has been a resident of the city ever since he was five years of age and thus feels himself as much a Muncietonian as though "native and to the manner born." Mr. McCann was born at Zanesville, Ohio, May 2, 1893, and was thus five years of age when in 1898 his parents, Frank G. and Mary A. (Hollingsworth) McCann, came with their family into Indiana and located at Muncie. MacGindley McCann thus received his schooling in the schools of Muncie. When fourteen years of age, while still attending school, he began working for the Boyce establishment, putting in his evenings and school holidays in that service, and upon the completion of his schooling was taken into the concern as a full time hand, his special attention being given to the concern's office detail. In 1907 when he began his connection with this establishment it was known as the Hoosier Printing Company. In the development of that company's growing business he became an active factor, familiarizing himself with all details of

the business, and when the present A. E. Boyce Company was organized in 1912 he became a member of the company, and in time was made vice president of the same, A. E. Boyce, founder of the concern being the president, as is set out elsewhere, together with further details concerning the establishment, which now has no fewer than one hundred branch sales offices in the United States, its service thus covering the country. Mr. McCann is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the local Kiwanis Club. He also is affiliated with the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

FRANCIS EDWIN MAUCK, of the Grouleff & Mauck Lumber Company of Muncie and one of the best known lumbermen in eastern Indiana, is a native son of Indiana and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Muncie for nearly twenty years. Mr. Mauck was born on a farm in the vicinity of Rensselaer, in Jasper county, this state, October 15, 1866, and is a son of Francis Wellington and Elizabeth (Varner) Mauck, Virginians, who had settled on that farm fifteen years or more prior to that date. Both Francis Wellington Mauck and his wife were born in Page county, Virginia, where they were reared and where they were married. In 1850 they came to Indiana and became pioneers of Jasper county. They established themselves on a farm in that county and there spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last born. Reared on the home farm, Francis Edwin Mauck received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and as a lad became familiar with the building trades. At the age of nineteen he started out "on his own" and presently became a building contractor and for six years was thus engaged, operating throughout Jasper and Newton counties. He then became engaged in the lumber business at Arcadia, in Hamilton county, from which place he presently moved to Anderson and in the latter city was engaged in business until in 1907, when he moved to Muncie and became a member of the Grouleff & Mauck Lumber Company and has since been thus engaged in the lumber business here, with a well established and fully equipped lumber yard in North Walnut street. He also has lumber interests at Greensburg and at Knightstown and an interest in the Muncie Lumber Company. On October 13, 1897, at Rensselaer, Ind., Francis Edwin Mauck was united in marriage to Elpha L. Yeoman, a member of one of the old families of that city, and to this union two children have been born, a son, Francis Irvin, and a daughter, Pansie, wife of Ray-

mond Reed, of Greensburg, Ind. Francis Irvin Mauck, a veteran of the World war, married Jane Allen of Columbus, Ohio, and resides at Knightstown, where he is engaged in the lumber business. He and his wife have three children, two daughters, Betty and Frances, and a son, Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mauck are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Mauck has served as a member of the official board of that congregation. He also is an active worker in the ranks of the Knights of Pythias and is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce. The Maucks reside at 106 McCulloch boulevard.

CLINTON G. MOORE, vice president of the Moore Company, manufacturer of springs at Muncie, a former director of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and in other ways a participant in the general industrial and commercial activities of that city, has been a resident of Muncie for about fifteen years. Mr. Moore was born at Bellevue, Ohio, October 8, 1880, and was reared in that state, his schooling being obtained in the schools of Bellevue, Sandusky and Marietta, this schooling being completed in the high school in the latter city. Upon leaving school he became engaged as a clerk in a shoe store at Marietta and was thus engaged for five years, at the end of which time he became the manager of a shoe store at Zanesville. Three years later he moved to Barre, Vt., and there became engaged as the purchasing agent of one of the great granite quarry and monument concerns of that place, and was thus employed for seven years. In the meantime his brother, J. L. Moore, had become engaged in the manufacturing business at Bellevue, Ohio, and upon leaving Barre he returned to Bellevue, the place of his birth, and became associated with his brother in the manufacturing business there, under the firm name of the J. L. Moore Manufacturing Company, the parent organization of the present Moore Company at Muncie, and was made vice president and treasurer of that concern. In the fall of 1909 this company decided to move its plant to Muncie and Mr. Moore superintended this removal and the erection of the present plant on the Westside. In the spring of the following year (1910) the J. L. Moore Manufacturing Company was reorganized under the laws of the state of Indiana and was incorporated as the Moore Company, with J. L. Moore as president and C. G. Moore as vice president. This company's specialty is the manufacture of metal springs, with particular reference to bed springs, and during the years of its operations at Muncie has created a wide market for its products. Clinton G. Moore is an active member of the Muncie

Chamber of Commerce, a former director of that body, and has also served on the directorate of the Rotary Club and of the Country Club, with which organizations he likewise is affiliated, and he also is a member of the Illinois Athletic Club at Chicago. Mr. Moore is a Freemason of high degree and is a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Mt. Sinai Temple No. 3, at Montpelier, Vt. In 1906 Clinton G. Moore was united in marriage to Grace Sutton, of Hillsdale, Mich., daughter of W. J. Sutton, and to this union two children have been born, Mary Alice and Barbara. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are members of the Presbyterian church and are Republicans. They reside at 405 East Washington street.

WILLIAM H. LITTLETON, art photographer at Muncie, has been a resident of that city for nearly fifteen years and during that time has done much to elevate the standards of portrait photography throughout this section of the state. Mr. Littleton was born at Bellaire, Ohio, August 10, 1886, and is a son of Scott E. and Anna Belle Littleton. William H. Littleton received his early schooling at Moundsville, W. Va., down the river from Bellaire, and was fourteen years of age when his parents moved from there to Wellsburg, W. Va., in 1900, and two years later to Cambridge, Ohio. During this period he had been giving close attention to the study of photography from the amateur standpoint and in the fall of 1903 he entered the Illinois College of Photography and in 1904 was graduated from that institution. Seeking a place for location he went South in that same year and set up a photographic establishment at West Point (Columbus), Miss., where he was engaged in business for eighteen months, at the end of which time he returned to West Virginia and was for a time located at Wheeling, from which place he went to Braddock, Pa. In this latter place Mr. Littleton was located for six years, or until in 1910 when he came to Muncie and bought out the old established studio of Charles F. Bowden and has since been engaged in business here, with a well appointed studio at No. 2 the Boyce block in Main street. Mr. Littleton's specialty is art photography with special reference to portraiture, and his work has an established place among American photographers. During the time he has been taking photographs in Muncie no fewer than twenty-five groups of his photographs have been awarded honors at photographic exhibits and at the Atlanta exhibition he was one of the two Indiana photographers whose exhibit was accepted in entirety. Mr. Littleton is a member of the exclusive Daguerre Club whose membership is limited to

twenty-five honor photographers in Indiana and is also affiliated with the American Association of Photographers and the Tri-State Association of Photographers, the latter comprising membership from Ohio, Michigan and Indiana, and in all of these his exhibits have been awarded high honors. Mr. Littleton married Lora Curtis and he and his wife reside at 121½ North High street. He is a Freemason and is also a member of the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose.

FRANK McNAUGHTON, of the W. A. McNaughton Company, proprietors of one of the leading department stores in Indiana, and advertising manager of that concern, has been engaged in business in Muncie for nearly thirty years, an associate in the affairs of the McNaughton store all this time, and thus has been an active and influential factor in the development of that concern's affairs. Mr. McNaughton is a brother of the late William A. McNaughton, founder of the company which still bears his name and of which he was president at the time of his death in 1909, as is set out elsewhere in this work. When the McNaughton commercial interests were established at Muncie in 1896 Frank McNaughton came here as an associate of his brother in the creation of that business and has ever since been connected with the store, even as he was associated with his brother in business before coming to Muncie, his special detail all this time having been the advertising end of the business, so that for more than forty-one years he has been engaged in writing advertisements, one of the oldest and best recognized commercial advertising men in Indiana. When the W. A. McNaughton Company was organized twenty years and more ago for the purpose of expanding the business and erecting the present department store building at the corner of Walnut and Charles streets, Frank McNaughton became a member of the company and has so continued, a member of the board of directors, as is set out elsewhere, his nephew, John F. McNaughton, only surviving son of the late W. A. McNaughton, being the president of the company. Frank McNaughton was born in Johnson county, Indiana, and is a son of the Rev. Samuel W. and Sarah (Forbes) McNaughton, the former of whom was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and a Union veteran of the Civil war. Due to his father's itineracy, Frank McNaughton's schooling was gained in the schools of several towns in southern Indiana and he was graduated from the high school at Mitchell. Upon leaving school he became associated with his brother, William A. McNaughton, in business, first at Edinburg and then at Franklin and then in 1896 at Muncie, an agreeable association that was maintained until the death

of the elder brother, and since then has been maintained with the latter's son and the others associated with him in the business of the McNaughton store. In 1890 Frank McNaughton was united in marriage to Della Abel, of Franklin, Ind., and to this union have been born five children, Halford R., Lee, Hugh, Luenette and Helen. Mr. and Mrs. McNaughton are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN CULLEN BANTA, who for years has been engaged in business as a merchant tailor at Muncie, was born at Muncie on March 3, 1884, and is a son of John E. and Lydia E. (Gustin) Banta, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Madison a member of one of the pioneer families of that section of the state, and both of whom are still living at Muncie, residing at 1245 North Elm street, Mr. Banta now being past eighty-three years of age and Mrs. Banta past eighty. The venerable John E. Banta, a veteran of the Civil war and former postmaster of Muncie as well as former treasurer of the city of Muncie, was born in Preble county, Ohio, but has been a resident of Delaware county and of Muncie most of his life. He served for three years and nine months as a soldier of the Union during the time of the Civil war. For years he was regarded as one of the leaders of the Democratic party in this county and in 1885-86 served as treasurer of the city of Muncie, the first Democrat elected to that office. For four years from February, 1887, he served as postmaster of Muncie, under appointment of President Cleveland. Reared at Muncie, John Cullen Banta received his public schooling in the local schools and upon leaving high school entered the Indiana State Normal School, where he spent a year, and then took a course at the Central Business College at Indianapolis. In the meantime he had become engaged in the tailoring establishment of S. D. Maddox at Muncie and upon completing his schooling was for some time thereafter employed in that establishment. He then went to Indiana Harbor and was there engaged working in the plant of the Inland Steel Company. Upon his return to Muncie, in 1902, Mr. Banta resumed his former place in the Maddox tailoring establishment and was thus engaged until in 1911, when he became engaged in business on his own account, opening a tailoring establishment at 115 South Mulberry street, where he ever since has been engaged in business and where he has done well. In January, 1924, Mr. Banta enlarged his establishment by taking over an adjoining room, doubling his capacity, and now in addition to his tailoring, carries a complete line of men's furnishings, his store covering the two num-

bers, 113-115 South Mulberry street. Mr. Banta is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, is a past president of the Muncie Club and is also affiliated with the Rotary Club, the Delaware Country Club and the Dynamo Club. He is a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason, a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Banta married Irma Purman, of Montpelier, Ind., and he and his wife reside at 332 North Monroe street.

WARREN M. SAMPLE, vice president and general manager of the Warner Corporation, manufacturers of transmissions and steering gears for automobiles at Muncie, is an Easterner by birth but he has been a resident of Indiana and of Muncie since the days of his childhood. Mr. Sample was born at Fairmount, W. Va., September 17, 1882, and is a son of Johnson E. and Mary M. (Swearingen) Sample, both of whom also were born in West Virginia and whose last days were spent in Muncie. The late Johnson E. Sample, a veteran of the Civil war, was engaged in the drug business at Fairmount, where his health failed and he disposed of his interests there and with his family came to Indiana in 1890 and located in Henry county. Two years later he moved to Muncie with his family and here in that same year, 1892, died. His widow survived him for twenty-five years, her death occurring in 1917. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being Fred S., Jessie L. (deceased), Frank E., Bernard P., Clara, Mary and Bertha. By a comparison of the above dates it will be noted that Warren M. Sample was eight years of age when his parents came to Indiana with their family in 1890 and was ten when they made their home at Muncie. He was graduated from the Muncie high school with the class of 1900 and then took a year of post-graduate work. In 1901, when nineteen years of age, he entered upon his industrial career as an employe in the plant of the old Warner Electric Company, organized in that year, out of which, in 1903, grew the T. W. Warner Company, manufacturers of automobile parts, with its plant at Kilgore and Perkins street, the present site of the plant of the Muncie Products Division of the General Motors Corporation. Mr. Sample continued with the T. W. Warner Company and was made vice president and general manager of the same and thus continued until in 1919, when that plant was sold to the General Motors Corporation which there established its Muncie products division. Following this sale the Warner Corporation was organized and in the next year (1920) erected its present

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manufacturing plant at Batavia street and the Big Four tracks, where modern equipment was installed for the manufacture of automobile transmissions and steering gears. The officers of this corporation are as follows: President, T. W. Warner; vice president and general manager, Warren M. Sample; secretary, E. O. Thomas; treasurer, E. H. Witker, and factory manager, B. E. Johnson. In addition to his connection with this corporation Mr. Sample is a member of the real estate firm of the Skillen, Moore & Sample Company. He is a 32° (Scottish Rite) and Knights Templar (York Rite) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; is a member of the Muncie Rotary Club, and is likewise affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. In 1906 Warren M. Sample was united in marriage to Alice H. Kiser, and to this union three children have been born: Edith Alice, who died at the age of three years, and Mary Jane and Warren S. Mr. and Mrs. Sample are members of the First Presbyterian church.

CHARLES M. ADAMS, who died at his home in Muncie in the year 1919, had been a resident of that city for more than twenty years and during that period had made many friends throughout the county. Mr. Adams was born in the historic old town of Fort Recovery, over the line in Ohio, and was a member of one of the pioneer families of that region there at the headwaters of the Wabash. There he grew to manhood and married Clementina Maurer. After his marriage he established his home at Fort Recovery and resided there, working as a stationary engineer, until in 1898, when he moved with his family to Muncie. Upon his arrival here Mr. Adams became employed as a stationary engineer and continued thus employed until in 1910, when he became engaged in the coal business. Two years later he became engaged in the delicatessen and grocery business at 614 South Walnut street and was thus engaged the remainder of his life, his death occurring on July 31, 1919. Since the death of Mr. Adams this business has been carried on by his widow and his son, Jay H. Adams, who have a well equipped and well stocked establishment there. Jay H. Adams, who is a veteran of the World war with an overseas record, was born at Fort Recovery in 1893 and was thus five years of age when he came to Muncie with his parents in 1898. He received his schooling in the local schools and early became attracted to telegraphy. He became a telegraph operator but did not follow that line long, for when his father be-

came engaged in the coal business in 1910 he took up with that line and when his father established his grocery in 1912 he became engaged in the store and was thus engaged when this country took a hand in the World war in 1917. He enlisted for army service, was attached to the 416th Field Battalion Signal Corps of the 32d Division and with that command saw much active service in France, including the bloody engagement about Chateau Thierry. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Adams returned home and resumed his place in the store. It was shortly after this that his father died and he then became associated with his mother in carrying on the business and the two have since been thus associated, conducting the business under the firm name of C. M. Adams & Son, general dealers in groceries, fish and oysters. Jay H. Adams is a member of the local post of the American Legion, is a Freemason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He married Laura Glaser and has one child, a daughter, Mary Deloris.

CHARLES L. BENDER, head of The Bender Company, realtors at Muncie, and a veteran retired clothing merchant of that city, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here practically all his life, a resident of Muncie for nearly fifty years. Mr. Bender was born in the village of Yorktown on September 27, 1855, and is a son of John W. and Gertrude (Simons) Bender, both of whom were of European birth. The late John W. Bender was born in the ancient city of Strausbourg, the old capital of the French department of the Bas-Rhin (Alsace-Lorraine), where he lived until he was eighteen years of age when, in 1850, he came to the United States and became employed as a shoemaker at Philadelphia. Two years later (in 1852) he came to Indiana and in that same year, at Hagerstown, in Wayne county, he married Gertrude Simons, also an Alsatian. Not long afterward he came to Delaware county and became engaged as a tanner at Yorktown. Some years later he moved to the neighboring village of Daleville, where he opened a tannery and also carried on shoemaking, and there lived for many years, or until his retirement from active labors. He lived to be past ninety years of age, his death occurring on March 29, 1923. To John W. Bender and wife were born nine children, four sons and five daughters. Charles L. Bender, the second of these sons, received his schooling at Daleville and early became a painter, with particular reference to carriage painting and frescoing, and was for some time

thus employed, a part of this time working at Indianapolis. He then became employed as a clerk in a general store at Daleville and thus started on a commercial career that was to prove quite successful. Mr. Bender remained at Daleville until in 1877, when he came to Muncie and was for a short time engaged as a clerk in the Kirby House. He then went to Anderson, an attractive clerkship having been offered him there, but in the spring of 1880 returned to Muncie and became employed as a clerk in the old Globe clothing store, at that time being carried on by Parker & Powell on East Main street. In 1881 this store was bought by James Boyce and others and Mr. Bender was installed as manager of the same. Two years later J. P. Shoemaker, the grain merchant, aided him in the purchase of the Globe store under a partnership arrangement which continued for five years, at the end of which time Mr. Bender took over the business which he thereafter carried on under the name of C. L. Bender & Company, and he thus was engaged in the clothing business at Muncie until in 1907, when he sold his store. For the next five years he was associated in various ways with the clothing business and in 1912 organized the Feeny Manufacturing Company and became sales manager of that concern. In 1918 he disposed of this interest and has since been engaged in the general real estate business at Muncie, head of The Bender Company, realtors, operating in association with his son, Charles V. Bender, with offices at 414 the Wysor building. Mr. Bender was one of the organizers of the Peoples Home and Savings Company of Muncie, an old established building and loan association, and has been a member of the directorate of that institution since its organization. He is a Republican and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his wife are members of the Jackson Street Christian (Disciples) church. On May 19, 1880, not long after taking up his permanent residence at Muncie, Charles L. Bender was united in marriage to Isabel Gray, daughter of James M. and Elizabeth (Shoemaker) Gray and a member of one of the old families of Delaware county. Mr. and Mrs. Bender have one son, Charles V. Bender, secretary-treasurer of The Bender Company. They reside at 714 East Main street, which has been their home for many years. Mrs. Bender's father, James M. Gray, who for more than a quarter of a century was engaged in mercantile business at Daleville, later moving to Anderson where he became engaged in the sale of buggies and carriages, was a Tennesseean by birth. As a youth he became a resident of Ohio and then

came over into Indiana and became one of the pioneers in Salem township, this county, where he married Elizabeth Shoemaker, a member of the pioneer John Shoemaker family, Pennsylvanians, who settled in the Richwoods district in Salem township in the '30s of the past century, and became influential factors in the social development of that section.

EVERETT MOFFITT, an established realtor and insurance underwriter at Muncie and a member of the firm of Moffitt & Piepho, funeral directors of that city, is a native Hoosier, of pioneer stock, and has lived in this state practically all his life, a resident of Muncie for more than thirty years. Mr. Moffitt was born at Thorntown, in Boone county, Indiana, July 23, 1864, and is a son of Joshua and Martha W. (Hiatt) Moffitt, the latter of whom was born in the village of Milton, in Wayne county, daughter of a Quaker minister who had settled there upon coming into Indiana from North Carolina. Joshua Moffitt, former president of the First National Bank of Thorntown and otherwise connected with the commercial interests of that town, as well as being a considerable landowner in Boone county, was born in Randolph county, North Carolina, and was but a lad when he came to Indiana with his parents in 1840, the family settling in Boone county. The Moffitts are of Scottish stock out of the north of Ireland and have been represented in this country since Colonial days. For some years during his young manhood Joshua Moffitt was engaged in teaching school. He became the proprietor of a good farm in the Thorntown neighborhood, also became connected with the commercial and industrial activities of the village and for years served as president of the First National Bank of Thorntown and was thus active in business until his death in 1888. His wife had predeceased him some years, her death having occurred in 1880. Reared on the home farm in the immediate vicinity of Thorntown, Everett Moffitt received his schooling in the schools of that village and in the old Sugar Plain Quaker school and upon leaving school went to Minneapolis, Minn., where he became engaged in the real estate business in association with his uncle. He was thus connected until the death of his father recalled him to Indiana to look after the interests of the home farm and he ever since has remained in this state. For some time Mr. Moffitt was connected with the carriage and buggy business at Thorntown and then in 1892, following the beginning of Muncie's "new era," consequent on the opening of the natural gas field, he came to Muncie and in association with S. L. Potter bought out the established undertaking establishment of An-

derson & Murray, which they carried on under the firm name of Potter & Moffitt for some time. It was this firm, Potter & Moffitt, that brought to Muncie in 1892 the first ambulance used in that city. Mr. Moffitt then bought the McMillan furniture store and was thus engaged in business until in 1902 when, on account of the illness of his sister, Mrs. Bertha Graves, he sold his interest in this store to C. E. Whitehill. He remained with his sister until her death in the following year and then took up oil development work. In 1907 he became engaged in the general real estate and insurance business at Muncie and has since been thus engaged, with present offices at 203-5 the Wysor building. He also is a partner in the firm of Moffit & Piepho, funeral directors, at the corner of Charles and Jefferson streets, and has other business connections, including a place on the directorates of the Mutual Home Savings Association and the Citizens Finance Association. Mr. Moffit is a Republican and is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the Rotary Club. He is a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and is a charter member and a past exalted ruler of the local lodge (No. 245) of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. On December 14, 1895, Everett Moffitt was united in marriage to Margaret Mueller, who was born at Muncie, a daughter of Peter and Julia (Huber) Mueller, and he and his wife have two sons, Robert and William Moffitt. The Moffitts reside at 406 South High street.

BENJAMIN F. MOORE, professor of education in the Eastern Division of the Indiana State Normal School at Muncie, former superintendent of the Muncie city schools and present head of the board of the Muncie public library, is a native Hoosier, a fact of which he never has ceased to be proud. He has lived in this state all his life and has been a resident of Muncie for the past fifteen years or more. Professor Moore was born in the year 1858, on a farm which lies along the banks of the beautiful Tippecanoe river, in the northern part of White county and across the river from the pleasant village of Buffalo. He is a son of Thomas B. and Louisa (Paul) Moore, both of whom were born in Morgan county, Ohio, the latter a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Harding) Paul. The Hardings of this family were New Jersey folk and were of the same family as that of the late Warren G. Harding, twenty-ninth president of the United States. Three of Mrs. Louisa Moore's brothers, Judson, Joseph and William Paul, were soldiers of the Union during the time of the Civil war. Joseph Paul was killed in battle. Thomas B. Moore was a son of Thomas and Maria (Lupartis) Moore. The

father of Thomas Moore was a minister of the Presbyterian church in Pennsylvania and in Perry county, Ohio, and a soldier in the patriot army during the time of the American Revolution. Born in Morgan county, Ohio, Thomas B. Moore became a farmer by choice. In 1853, following his marriage, he came over into Indiana and settled on a farm lying along the banks of the Tippecanoe river in the upper part of White county. There he established his home, developed a fine farm and spent the remainder of his life, living to a ripe old age. He was a man whose influence for good throughout that community persists to this day. For some time after locating there he occupied his winters in teaching the neighborhood school. He also served for many years as justice of the peace in and for his home township (Liberty) and in other ways rendered well his part in the development of the social and civic life of the community in which he and his wife were pioneers, for at the time they settled there, that part of White county was still in its pioneer stage. To Thomas B. and Louisa (Paul) Moore were born five children, Professor Moore (the second in order of birth) having two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Kitchen and Mrs. R. A. Renwick, both of Monticello, and two brothers, John and Joseph T. Moore. Reared on the home farm in White county, Benjamin F. Moore supplemented the schooling received in the neighborhood school and the fine home teaching received under the preceptorship of his father and mother with the course in the Monticello high school. He then entered the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute for further preparation for the teaching service to which he early devoted himself. After a period of service in the local schools of his home county he was made superintendent of the Monticello schools. There he laid the foundation for later service which made him one of the best known school superintendents in Indiana. From Monticello he was called to take the superintendency of the schools at Frankfort and from this latter post he was called to Marion. There he remained as superintendent of schools until 1908, in which year the Muncie school board secured his services as superintendent of the Muncie city schools. For ten years Professor Moore continued in this responsible post, rendering a service which will ever be reflected in the high standards maintained in these schools. Then, in 1918, when the state took over the old normal school at Muncie and established the Eastern Division of the Indiana State Normal School, he was called to take the chair of Education in that institution and has since been rendering service to the state in that important connection. In 1912 Professor Moore

secured the degree of Master of Arts from Columbia University, and he also holds a similar degree from Teachers' College, New York city. In addition to his school work, Professor Moore has for years given close attention to the promotion of the interests of the Muncie public library, being the present president of the library board. He is a Knight Templar Mason, and is also affiliated with the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen. On September 10, 1889, Prof. Benjamin F. Moore was united in marriage to Estelle M. Coen, of Monticello, daughter of James S. and Eliza (Hosler) Coen. To this union two children have been born. A son, Thomas B. Moore, is a farmer and a veteran of the World war, and a daughter, Helen, is the wife of Lea A. Sturgeon. Professor and Mrs. Moore are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. They reside at 319 West Adams street.

CHARLES G. ROUSH, principal of the Harrison School at Muncie, has been at the head of that school for nearly ten years and is thus occupying a definite place in the school life of the city. Mr. Roush is a native Hoosier, born on a farm in Newton county, Indiana, February 22, 1880, and is a son of John Edward and Ann Eliza (Kight) Roush, the latter of whom was born in Missouri. The late John Edward Roush was born in Illinois and was engaged in farming all his active life, the owner of an excellent farm in Newton county at the time of his death. Of the five children born to him and his wife three are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Nettie, and a brother, Joseph Roush. Reared on the home farm in Newton county, Charles G. Roush received his early schooling in the schools of that county and as a mere boy began to teach school. Upon the completion of his first term of school he entered Valparaiso University and after a year there resumed teaching and continued thus engaged, meanwhile farming during the summers, until in 1904, when he entered the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute. In 1907 Mr. Roush was graduated from that institution and was elected principal of the Central school at Alexandria, Ind., where he remained for several years and then transferred his services to the LaPorte (Ind.) schools. When the Muncie school board in 1915 was making up its teaching staff for the ensuing term Mr. Roush was appointed principal of the Harrison school and in July of that year he moved from LaPorte to Muncie and has ever since resided here, continuing to preside over the affairs of the Harrison school, where he has fifteen teachers and four hundred pupils under his direction. Meanwhile Mr. Roush has taken post-graduate work at Indiana Uni-

versity, in addition to general extension work, and keeps fully abreast of all advances in modern educational methods. He is a Republican, is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1909 Charles G. Roush was united in marriage to Gertrude Monroe, daughter of George and Mary Monroe, of Alexandria, Ind., and to this union three children have been born, Alma, Maurice and Charles Edward. The Roushes reside at 724 North Mulberry street.

J. M. STETTER, president of the Muncie Cap and Set Screw Company of Muncie, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Indiana and of Muncie for the past thirty years and more and has thus been associated with the industrial development of Muncie almost from the beginning of that remarkable era of expansion which followed the opening of the natural gas field hereabout. Mr. Stetter was born in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, and is a son of John C. and Barbara (Egler) Stetter, the former of whom was an expert marble cutter and sculptor who later became substantially established as a dealer in marble and granite at Mansfield, Ohio. He and his wife had two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Charles E. Stetter, who is engaged in the wholesale plumbing business at Cincinnati. Upon the completion of his schooling in the common schools, J. M. Stetter applied himself to the study of mechanical engineering and became thoroughly qualified along that technical line, a line to which he ever since has devoted his attention. In 1893 he came to Muncie as the superintendent of a nut and bolt factory that was started here at that time and later became superintendent of the plant of the old Republic Iron and Steel Company. In 1917 he promoted the organization of the Muncie Cap and Set Screw Company for the manufacture of cap screws and special screws, and was elected president of the company, which executive position he since has occupied. This now well established manufacturing concern was started in a modest way in a small factory building and has gradually grown into its present extensive quarters at Willard street and Hoyt avenue. The World war came on just about the time this factory was established and during the period of this country's participation in the war the work of the plant was practically wholly devoted to war work. The plant now employs sixty-five men, has a capacity of 150,000 pieces daily and its products are distributed in a wide market, thus helping to carry far the fame of "Greater Muncie." Mr. Stetter has ever given proper attention to local civic affairs and has rendered public service as a member of

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the board of park commissioners. He is a Freemason and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. J. M. Stetter married Ivy B. Morris, daughter of George Morris, of Muncie, and has five children, George C., Bertha, Arthur, Mary and John. The eldest son, George C. Stetter, a veteran of the World war, was graduated from the mechanical engineering school of Purdue University and is the secretary-treasurer of the Muncie Cap and Set Screw Company. He married Catherine Johnson and resides at 704 East Main street. J. M. Stetter and family reside at 1523 South Jefferson street.

FREDERICK F. McCLELLAN, a member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court and present county attorney and president of the city school board, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. Mr. McClellan was born on a farm in Center township on August 12, 1875, and is a son of Frederick H. and Mary F. (Jewett) McClellan, the latter of whom is still living. Frederick Harrison McClellan was born at Cedarville, Ohio, and was about five years of age when his parents, James and Harriet (Beemer) McClellan, came with their family over into Indiana and in 1845 settled on a farm in the northwest part of Center township, this county, where they established their home and spent the remainder of their lives. James McClellan was a son of William A. McClellan, who was born in Kentucky in 1780, a son of Benjamin McClellan, a Scottish immigrant who had migrated from Virginia into Kentucky when settlers were first beginning to venture into that "dark and bloody ground." William A. McClellan grew to manhood in Kentucky, where he married Kate Creswell and remained until in 1816, when he moved with his family, then consisting of three children, up into Ohio and settled in the Cedarville neighborhood in Greene county. He had been well schooled in his youth and after taking up his residence at Cedarville spent his winters for some years in teaching school. His last days were spent in Greene county, where he lived to be past eighty-three years of age, his death occurring in 1863. James McClellan, one of his sons, was born in Greene county on December 5, 1817, and grew to manhood on the home farm. In 1836 he married Harriet Beemer and then became engaged with his father-in-law, Frederick Beemer, in the operation of a sawmill at Cedarville, where he remained until his removal with his family to this county in February, 1845. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, those besides Frederick Harrison McClellan being the late Capt. William A. McClellan of Company D, 84th Indiana infantry regiment; Frank, who also served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil war, 9th Indiana

cavalry; James M., who died in the service of the Federal government; Charles A., who is still living; George, deceased; Julia F., deceased; Kate B., who died in infancy, and McHenry A., deceased. As stated above, Frederick Harrison McClellan was about five years of age when he came to Delaware county with his parents. He grew to manhood on the farm in Center township and during the time of the Civil war rendered service as a private in Company E of the 110th regiment, Indiana Infantry. After his marriage to Mary F. Jewett he settled down on a farm in Hamilton township and there died in 1875, leaving his widow with three children, those besides the subject of this sketch—then but an infant—being Grace E., wife of Dr. U. G. Poland, of Muncie, and Harriet J. McClellan, a teacher in the city schools of Dallas, Texas. Frederick F. McClelland was reared on the home farm and was graduated from the Muncie high school, after which he began teaching school and was for nine years thus engaged, employing his winters at teaching and in the meantime carrying on preliminary studies with the view to adopting the law as a profession, and in 1898 was admitted to the bar. He then entered the law school of Georgetown University at Washington, D. C., and in 1904 was graduated from that institution and took up the active practice of law at Muncie, where he has continued, now senior member of the law firm of McClellan, Hensen & Guthrie, with offices at 123½ West Main street. Mr. McClellan is a Republican and has rendered public service as a member of the board of public works of the city of Muncie, as city attorney, as county attorney, and now is president of the school board of Muncie. In 1907 Frederick F. McClellan was united in marriage to Martha Corbett, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and to this union have been born five children, Corbett, Sidney, John, Mary Elizabeth and Frederick. Mr. and Mrs. McClellan are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church and he is a York Rite (Knights Templar) and Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. McClellan's mother was born in Muncie on August 23, 1848, and is a daughter of Jeremiah Jewett, a native of Highgate, Vt., who came here from New York in 1838 with his wife, who was a Kreissler of New York city, and set himself up as a timberman. He also opened up a limestone quarry on the north bank of the river, of what is now Elm street, and burned the first kiln of lime used in the then new settlement and in other substantial ways made himself a useful and influential citizen of the community in pioneer days.

ROY SIPE, proprietor of the Charles Street Meat Market, Muncie, has been a resident of that city since the days of his boyhood and has been engaged in business on his own account there for the past ten years and more. Mr. Sipe was born at Union City, Ind., in 1883, and is a son of Thomas J. and Mahala E. (Mansfield) Sipe, who became residents of Muncie in 1896. Thomas J. Sipe was born in the state of Pennsylvania. It will be noted by a comparison of these dates that Roy Sipe was thirteen years of age when he came with his parents to Muncie in 1896. He completed his schooling in the Muncie schools and then became employed in the Snodgrass grocery, where he remained until in 1913, when he became engaged in business on his own account and has since been thus engaged, proprietor of his present popular meat market at 121 West Charles street, where he has done well in business. Mr. Sipe is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and of the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In 1908 Roy Sipe was united in marriage to Stella Bryant, daughter of Marshall and Harriet (Leonard) Bryant, of Muncie, and to this union three children have been born, Harold, George W., and Marshall. The Sipes reside at 721 West Willard street.

WILLIAM F. WHITE, senior member of the firm of White & Haymond, Muncie lawyers; a member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court for nearly a quarter of a century, in the days of his young manhood a soldier in the United States regular army, a former teacher in the schools of this county, former county attorney, formerly and for years a member of the Muncie common council, chairman of the County Council of Defense during the time of this country's participation in the World war, and in other ways actively identified with the interests of the city and county, is a native of Michigan but has been a resident of this county for the past thirty years. Mr. White was born in the "big timber" in Saginaw county, Michigan, February 6, 1871, and is a son of Andrew and Margaret White, the former of whom was born in New Brunswick, a province of the Dominion of Canada, and the latter in Ireland. Andrew White was a lumberman and his last days were spent in Michigan. Reared amid the conditions that marked the lumber camps of Michigan during the '70s, William F. White's boyhood schooling was limited to a few terms of uncertain winter school which he attended up to his eleventh year and which carried him along in his studies to about what now is classed as the fourth grade in the graded schools. When eleven years of age he began to work on farms and in a heading

factory and thus continued until he was past eighteen when, at Ft. Niagara, N. Y., he enlisted for service in the United States regular army and was attached to Company E of the 11th Infantry, which regiment presently was transferred to Arizona and Mr. White's company was stationed at Ft. Apache, nearly a hundred miles from Holbrook, Ariz., and later at San Carlos. In March, 1893, he received his discharge, his term of service then being over. About that time his lieutenant was appointed adjutant of the guards appointed for service at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago and Mr. White secured a place on this guard and thus served as one of the famed Columbian Guards during the progress of that wonderful exposition. Meanwhile he had been advancing himself in study and when this term of special service was over he entered the university at Valparaiso, Ind., where he applied himself to preparation for teaching, specializing in the scientific and commercial courses and preparatory work in law. In the fall of 1895 he began teaching in the schools of this county, his first work being done in Niles township, later going into Union township, and taught six terms of school here, meanwhile continuing his studies at Valparaiso and there completing the courses in teaching, in science and in commercial practice. While thus carrying on these studies he also had been applying himself to the study of law under the preceptorship of McGonigle & Fitch at Muncie, and in 1900 was admitted to the bar of the Delaware circuit court and has ever since been practicing law at Muncie. During the early years of his practice Mr. White maintained an office alone and then in 1904 formed a partnership with Ed M. White. In 1906 he formed a new association for practice under the firm name of Bingham, White & Haymond, which firm a year later, upon the retirement of Mr. Bingham, became the firm of White & Haymond and has so continued, with present offices at 123½ East Main street. In 1906 Mr. White was elected by the county commissioners to serve as county attorney and was retained in that position for seven years. He is a Republican and has represented his ward in the city common council, that period of service covering about six years. When the County Council of Defense was organized here in the spring of 1917 to direct Delaware county's activities in the World war Mr. White was appointed a member of that council and presently became its chairman, in which position he rendered service until the close of the war, as is set out elsewhere in this work. Mr. White is a member of the directorate of and attorney for he Mutual Home Savings Association of Muncie. He is an active member of the Muncie Chamber

of Commerce, has served on the directorate of that body, and is a past president and a member of the present board of directors of the Muncie Rotary Club. He is a past noble grand of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a past exalted ruler of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1895 William F. White was united in marriage to Ida Mae Wirt and to that union six children were born, Helen M., Lillian A., Walter D., Florence M., Charles W., and Robert W. White. Helen M. White married Frank Sheffield and has two children, Cynthia and Jean. Walter D. White married Catherine Heddin and has two children, William H. and Edwin. Mrs. Ida Mae White died on September 10, 1915, and Mr. White later married Mrs. Nellie K. Bailes. Mr. and Mrs. White are members of the First Presbyterian church.

JOHN WORTHINGTON DRAGOO, secretary of the Western Reserve Life Insurance Company of Muncie and president of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, is a member of one of the pioneer families of Delaware county and has resided in this county all his life. Mr. Dragoo was born on a farm in Perry township on May 7, 1858, and is a son of William and Amelia (Gibson) Dragoo, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a daughter of Robert Gibson, one of the early settlers in the eastern part of the county. William Dragoo was a Virginian by birth, born in that section of the old Dominion now included in West Virginia, in 1828, and was seven years of age when, in 1835, he came to Indiana with his parents, Peter and Martha (Jones) Dragoo, the family locating in the New Burlington settlement in Perry township, Peter Dragoo entering from the government a tract of land in section 19 of that township, where the family home was established and where Peter Dragoo spent the remainder of his life, he being ninety-two years of age at the time of his death. Peter Dragoo and his wife had six children, those besides William, the first born, being two daughters, Mrs. Sarah Winget and Mrs. Mary Kerns, and three sons, Lemuel, John and Samuel J. Dragoo, the latter of whom remained on the old home farm. John Dragoo died while serving as a soldier of the Union during the time of the Civil war. William Dragoo grew up on the pioneer home farm in Perry township and after his marriage established his home on a farm in that township and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1890. His widow, who was born in 1833, is still living. William Dragoo and wife had three children, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Mrs. Laura B. Childs and Mrs. Nancy J. Clevenger. Reared on the home farm in Perry town-

ship, John W. Dragoo supplemented the schooling received in the local schools by attendance at the Muncie high school and at the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute. He early began teaching school, thus occupying his winters, and in 1892 was made principal of the Congerville school at Muncie (present Roosevelt school). In 1905 he was made principal of the Avondale school; later was principal of the Washington school and then became employed as a teller in the Merchants National Bank of Muncie. In 1906 he became one of the organizers of the Western Reserve Life Insurance Company of Muncie and was elected secretary of that company, a position which he ever since has occupied, as is set out elsewhere in this work. Mr. Dragoo is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs. In 1892 he was elected county assessor and served for one term in that office. In 1899 he was elected trustee of Center township and for four years served in that capacity, the new Congerville school being erected during this term of service. He is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, a member of the uniformed rank of this latter body. On May 7, 1884, John Worthington Dragoo was united in marriage to Frances R. Jump, who also was born in this county, daughter of Dr. Samuel V. Jump, of New Burlington, and to this union were born six children, Charles Earl, Samuel Vaughn, Nina F., Mary L., Charlene and Ralph D. Mr. and Mrs. Dragoo are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Dragoo was formerly a teacher in the Sunday School of that congregation. He has rendered official service, in addition to the elective positions above noted, as an officer of the board of children's guardians and of the orphans' home board, and is now serving his second term as president of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce. The Dragoos reside at 500 West North street.

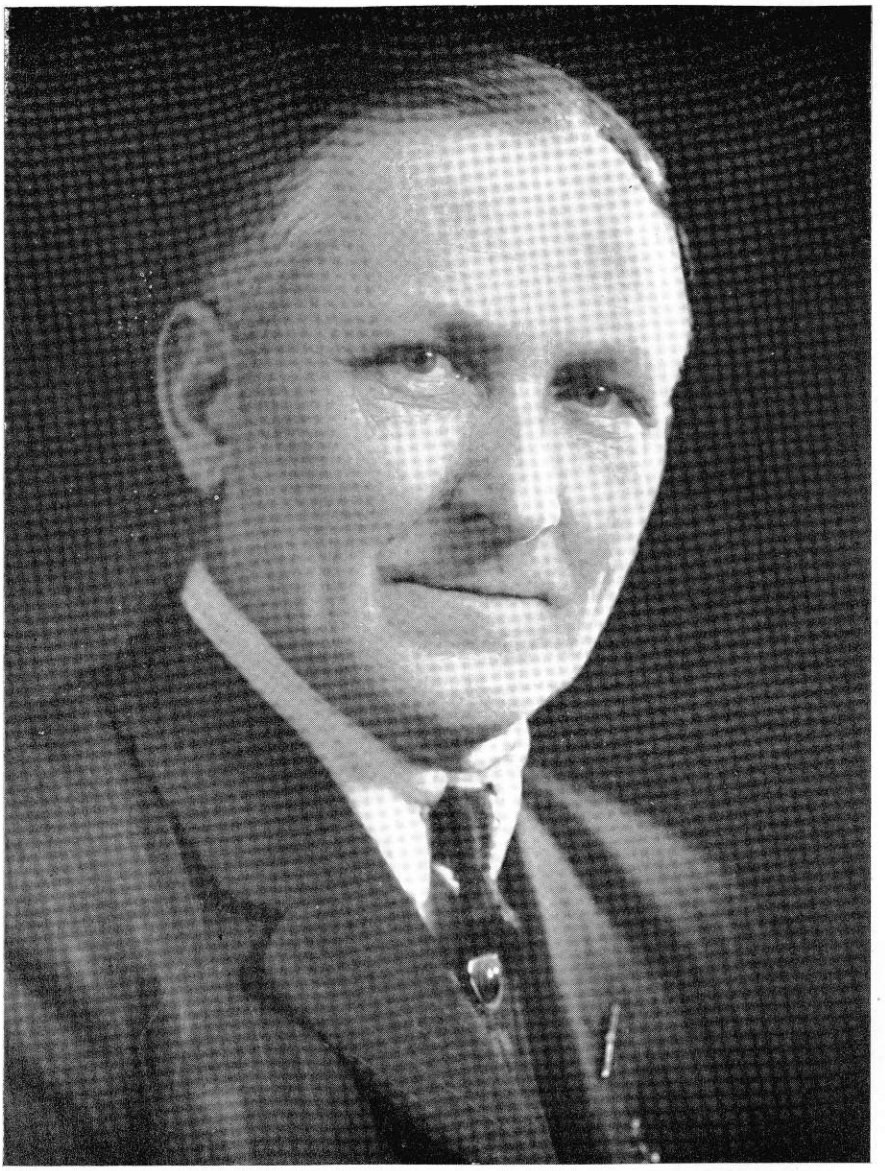
DALE SHREEVE, treasurer of the Merchants Trust and Savings Company of Muncie and one of the youngest bank officers in eastern Indiana, was born at Winchester in the neighboring county of Randolph, August 24, 1894, and is a son of Marion E. and Eva L. (Clements) Shreeve, the latter of whom was born and reared in Wayne county. Marion E. Shreeve also is a native of Indiana. He and his wife are now living in Indianapolis. Dale Shreeve was graduated from the high school at Richmond and in 1911, when seventeen years of age, went to Indianapolis and became engaged as a clerk in the Feltman shoe store. Four years later, in 1915, he was sent to Muncie as the manager of the Feltman shoe store here and was thus engaged in business at Muncie when this country took a hand

in the World war. In December, 1917, he entered the service of the United States navy and was assigned to the aviation section of the navy as a radio operator and sent to the Harvard Radio school. Upon qualifying for duty Mr. Shreeve was assigned to the radio station at Pensacola, Fla., as an operator, and thence after awhile was assigned to the submarine coast patrol at Hampton Roads (Virginia), where he continued on duty as a radio operator until his honorable discharge on July 9, 1919, the war then being over. Upon the completion of his naval service Mr. Shreeve returned to Muncie and in December, 1920, was made manager of the insurance department of the Merchants Trust and Savings Company, and so continued until his advancement to the position of treasurer of this institution, which post in the bank he now occupies. Mr. Shreeve is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the local Dynamo Club, as well as of the Muncie Club and the Country Club. He is a Freemason, affiliated with Oriental lodge, No. 500, F. & A. M., at Indianapolis, and with the local chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Muncie. In 1919 Dale Shreeve was united in marriage to Katheryn Nichols, who was born and reared at Muncie, daughter of Fred G. Nichols. Mr. and Mrs. Shreeve are Republicans and are members of the Presbyterian church.

JOHN GUBBINS, of the firm of Gubbins & Curtis, highway and paving contractors, of Muncie and former street commissioner for that city, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Muncie for the past fifteen years or more. Mr. Gubbins was born at Newcastle, in the neighboring county of Henry, October 2, 1887, and is a son of John and Mary (Nolan) Gubbins, the latter of whom was born and reared at Knightstown in that same county. The late senior John Gubbins was an Ohion by birth but the greater part of his life was spent at Newcastle, where he became engaged in road, street and sidewalk construction and was for years thus engaged or until his death in 1908. The junior John Gubbins was reared at Newcastle and in the schools of that city received his schooling. He early became connected with his father's work as a street and paving contractor and thus by the time of his father's death had become thoroughly familiar with the details of that form of contracting. He was twenty-one years of age when his father died and he carried on the business without interruption, presently locating at Muncie, where he ever since has made his home. In 1913 Mr. Gubbins was appointed street commissioner for the city of Muncie and for eight years occupied that important position, during which time much

valuable construction work was done on the streets and alleys of Muncie. Upon the completion of this term of public service Mr. Gubbins formed a partnership with E. M. Curtis in the general contracting business as relates to highway, street and sidewalk paving and has since been thus engaged in business, this firm carrying out many of the important contracts in this line let in this part of the state. Mr. Gubbins is a Democrat. He is affiliated with the local council of the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. On December 30, 1914, John Gubbins was united in marriage to Mary E. Guffigan, who was born and reared in Muncie, daughter of John Guffigan. Mr. and Mrs. Gubbins reside at 406 Riverside avenue. They are members of St. Lawrence's Catholic church.

A. FLETCHER HOWELL, vice president of the wholesale grocery firm of Joseph A. Goddard & Company at Muncie and a resident of that city for the past thirty years and more, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life. Mr. Howell was born in the village of Blountsville, over the line in Henry county, January 5, 1872, and is a son of Jonathan B. and Rebecca Ann (Fletcher) Howell, both members of pioneer families in that same neighborhood. The late Jonathan B. Howell, a one-time merchant at Muncie, whose last days were spent at Albany, this county, was born in the Blountsville settlement on November 7, 1844, a son of Hilary and Fannie (Bedwell) Howell, who were among the pioneers of that neighborhood. As a young man Jonathan B. Howell worked for some time as a harness maker but after his marriage became engaged in merchandising at Blountsville, later moving to Montpelier, in the neighboring county of Blackford, where he continued in business as a grocery merchant until in 1892, when he moved to Muncie. For some time he was engaged in business in the latter city and then moved to Albany, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there on January 1, 1900. His widow survived him for nearly twenty years, her death occurring at her home in the New Burlington neighborhood in this county on September 17, 1919. It was in that neighborhood, in Perry township, that she was born, October 20, 1849. She was a daughter of David and Asenath (Thornburg) Fletcher, the latter a member of the pioneer Thornburg family which had settled there back in the early '20s of the past century, in the days before Delaware county as now constituted had come into civic being, as is set out elsewhere in this work. David Fletcher, a son of John Fletcher, came over here from Hillsboro, Ohio, in 1826, the year



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before Delaware county was organized, he then being two years of age, and became one of the substantial pioneers of Perry township. Jonathan B. Howell was a member of the Christian church and his wife was a Methodist. He was a Republican and for some time during his residence in Henry county served as a justice of the peace in and for his home township. He was affiliated for many years with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. To him and his wife were born three children, all of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch, the second in order of birth, having a sister, Orpha, and a brother, Charles Ross Howell. Reared at Blountsville and at Montpelier, A. Fletcher Howell received a common-school education and from the days of his boyhood was trained to the ways of merchandising in his father's grocery. He was twenty years of age when his parents moved to Muncie in 1892 and not long afterward he found congenial employment in the establishment of Joseph A. Goddard, which then occupied the building at the southeast corner of Walnut and Adams streets. With this establishment, which in 1905 occupied the commodious building in which its business is now carried on in Seymour street, Mr. Howell ever since has been connected, a period of more than thirty-two years, and has been serving as a director of the concern ever since its reorganization as Joseph A. Goddard & Co. in 1901. Mr. Howell became connected with this establishment in 1892 and he thus has been a witness to and a participant in the expansion which has made of it one of the important wholesale grocery houses in Indiana. He started in as a stock clerk, presently was made receiving clerk and at the end of his first year in the establishment was promoted to the office as office salesman. He later was made buyer and sales manager and in 1901, when the present company was organized he became a member of the directorate and on January 1, 1923, was elected vice president of the company. Mr. Howell is a Republican, a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and a charter member of Silver Shield lodge of the Knights of Pythias. In 1895, at Montpelier, Ind., A. Fletcher Howell was united in marriage to Myrtle Maddox, who was born in Blackford county, daughter of Dr. Leander E. Maddox, a physician and banker at Montpelier, and to this union three sons have been born, Leander Fletcher, Joseph Maddox and William Dean Howell, the first named of whom rendered military service in camp during the time of this country's participation in the World war. Mr. Howell is a member of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church and is the president of the men's Bible

class in the Sunday school of that congregation. In 1917 Mr. Howell moved onto a farm of fifty-three acres he had bought on the Yorktown road and he and his family are interested in the breeding of purebred Jersey cattle. They also operate a green house for flowers for the Muncie markets. Mrs. Howell oversees the greenhouse.

ERIC BUCHHOLZ, master florist at Muncie and proprietor of the old established Miller greenhouse, is of European birth but has been a resident of this country for the past fifteen years. Mr. Buchholz was born at Spramberg in the province of Brandenburg, Germany, July 22, 1886, and took the high school course in that city. He then entered the College of Horticulture at Bautzen and spent three semesters there in the study of horticulture and floriculture, after which he became engaged in practical work in a prominent floral house and was thus engaged for two years, at the end of which time he entered the University of Jena, where he spent six semesters in the further study of botany, agricultural chemistry and landscape engineering, and in 1907 was given his engineer degree from that institution. In the following year (1908) Mr. Buchholz was attached to the scientific expedition of Professor Stahl, head of the botanical department of the University of Jena, sent under government direction on a botanical research exploration into the jungles of tropical Brazil, and upon the return of that expedition he decided, in 1909, to come to the United States. Upon his arrival in this country, Mr. Buchholz became employed as a practical florist at Springfield, Mass., and while there took a course of practical study in a night school. Attracted by the lure of the Southwest, Mr. Buchholz then went to Texas with a view to getting into business on his own account and at Spring Prairie in that state bought a small tract of land and started in as a vegetable gardener. This venture proved unsuccessful and he lost his investment. He then returned North and became employed as the grower in the E. A. Kuhnke carnation conservatory at Toledo and was thus employed at that place until in 1911. In October of this latter year he transferred his connection to the Sullivan Rose Company of Detroit and was there employed as foreman until in 1914, when he became the head gardener and estate manager on the estate of Mary Mannering (formerly Mrs. J. K. Hackett) at Grosse Pointe, Mich., and was there thus engaged until 1916, when he went to Chicago to take a part in the operations of Wueiter Bros., wholesale florists. In the next year (1917) he came to Muncie and became foreman in the Miller greenhouse. A year later he bought this old established greenhouse and the retail establishment and has

since been operating the same as proprietor, with his retail store at 100 South Walnut street. Mr. Buchholz is a member of the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. In 1910, at Oxford, Ind., Eric Buchholz was united in marriage to Anna Motz, who was born at Schmalkalden, Germany, daughter of George and Dorothy Motz, and to this union three children have been born, Dorothy, Fay and Brunhilde. The family resides at 513 South Elm street.

GRANT CALLAHAN, supervising principal of the Whittier school at Muncie and a school man of more than thirty years of experience, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life. Mr. Callahan was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of the pleasant old village of Odon, in Daviess county, Indiana, September 27, 1872, and is a son of S. E. and Margaret (Sears) Callahan, both members of old families in Indiana, the latter born in Lawrence county, daughter of Andrew Sears, who was the owner of 1,300 acres of land in that county. S. E. Callahan also was born in Lawrence county, in the vicinity of Bedford, in 1832, his parents having settled there upon coming over into Indiana from Ohio. He was reared as a farmer and followed that vocation all his life, having settled on a farm in the Odon neighborhood in Daviess county after his marriage. To him and his wife were born twelve children, five daughters and seven sons. Grant Callahan grew up on the home farm in the Odon neighborhood and was graduated from the village school with a diploma which qualified him to teach school. After a course in the county normal school and in the Southern Indiana Normal School at Mitchell he began teaching school and has ever since been actively engaged in school work, meanwhile from time to time, during summer courses, extending his scholastic acquirements by further collegiate work, this including attendance at the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute and Indiana University at Bloomington, from which latter institution he received his A. B. degree in 1914, and during the summers of 1922-23 he attended Chicago University for his Master degree. It was in 1893, when he was twenty-one years of age, that Mr. Callahan entered upon his career as a practical school man, his first term of school having been taught in the district schools of his home county. For seven years he was engaged in district school work and then became connected with the Odon schools, serving there for a like period, two years of this latter service being rendered as principal of the schools. Following his graduation from the University in 1914 Mr. Callahan was called to the principalship of the schools at

Middletown in the neighboring county of Henry and then was called to a like position in the schools of Selma in this county, where he continued to serve until in 1919, when he was made supervising principal of the Washington school at Muncie. In 1922 he was transferred to the Whittier school and is now serving as supervising principal of that school, in charge of student practice, this school being the accredited training school for senior students of the Eastern Division of the Indiana State Normal School at Muncie. Mr. Callahan is a Republican. He is affiliated with the Freemasons, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. On August 8, 1897, Grant Callahan was united in marriage to Rose Ferguson, who was born in the vicinity of the village of Newberry in Greene county, this state, daughter of John and Nancy (Ketcham) Ferguson. Mr. and Mrs. Callahan have one child, a daughter, Zenabe, and are members of the Jackson Street Christian (Disciples) church. They reside at 304 North Tally avenue.

FRED S. KLEIN, a Muncie jeweler, third of his line to carry on in the jewelry business there, was born in Muncie and has lived there all his life. Mr. Klein was born on January 16, 1876, and is a son of Henry C. and Sarah Caroline (Spilker) Klein, both members of pioneer families in Delaware county, the latter of whom was born at Muncie, daughter of George W. and Sophronia (Smith) Spilker, and a sister of George W. Spilker, Jr., who was for many years engaged in the mercantile and banking business at Muncie and who died there in the spring of 1899 at the age of seventy-one years, a resident of Muncie since the year 1842. The elder George W. Spilker was a Hanoverian who came to this country in 1839 and who came over here from Preble county, Ohio, in 1842 and became engaged in the grocery business at Muncie, where he died in 1851. The late Henry C. Klein, who was for many years engaged in the jewelry business in Muncie, also was born in Muncie (then known as Muncietown), November 18, 1842, and was a son of Armstead Mason and Sarah E. (Ethell) Klein, the latter of whom was a daughter of John and Mary (Cunard) Ethell, Virginians, the former born in Fairfax county and the latter in Loudoun county, who became residents of Muncietown in 1839. John Ethell was a soldier of the War of 1812, who had settled in Licking county, Ohio, whence he came to Muncie with his family, as above, and set up as a chairmaker, spending the rest of his life here, his death occurring in 1862. He was at one time postmaster of the town, as will be noted elsewhere in this work,

and kept the office in his home at the southeast corner of Main and Franklin streets. His youngest son, Nathaniel Fuller Ethell, of whom further mention also is made in this work, was for years engaged in the newspaper business in Muncie. Armstead Mason Klein was born at Waterford, in Loudoun county, Virginia, June 26, 1817. He learned the jewelry trade at Leesburg and in 1837, when twenty years of age, located at Newark, Ohio, where he presently married Sarah E. Ethell and in the fall of 1838 located at Muncietown, where he started out as a clocksmith and repairer of such watches as then required attention here, making these repairs in the homes of his customers on call. In 1846 he opened a small shop on Main street, the first of its sort in Delaware county, and put in a small stock of jewelry, to which, as the community grew, he kept adding until in time he had one of the best jewelry stores in eastern Indiana, and thus he continued in business until his retirement in the middle '70s. He died at Muncie on October 2, 1888. Henry C. Klein, eldest son of this pioneer jeweler and a veteran of the Civil war, grew up to the jewelry business at Muncie and followed that vocation all his life. Though but eighteen years of age when the Civil war came on he got into that conflict at the very beginning and went to the front as a member of Company E of the 19th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served with that gallant command until the close of the war, thus participating in some of the most important campaigns and engagements of the war, as the record of the 19th Indiana, a part of the celebrated "Iron Brigade" of the Army of the Potomac, will disclose. Upon the completion of his military service Henry C. Klein returned to Muncie and with his father became engaged in the jewelry business, in 1878 becoming sole proprietor of the store, and he thus continued until his death on July 4, 1908, having then been in business here for more than forty years. It was on February 19, 1866, that Henry C. Klein married Sarah Caroline Spilker and to that union were born four sons, George A., Edward M., who died in 1915; Armstead M. and Fred S. The mother of these sons died on November 17, 1887. Reared at Muncie, Fred S. Klein received his schooling in the local schools and from the days of his boyhood was an assistant to his father in the jewelry store. After his father's death in 1908 he continued to carry on the business until in 1921, when he disposed of his interest in the store. In 1898 Fred S. Klein was united in marriage to Clara Besack, daughter of A. B. and Jennie Besack, of Muncie, and to this union two sons have been born, Robert M. and

Armstead M. Klein. Mr. Klein is a Freemason. Mrs. Klein is a member of the Presbyterian church. They reside at 222 West Adams street.

IRA ERVIN SNODGRASS, grocer at Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, and has lived in the county all his life, a resident of Muncie for more than thirty years. Mr. Snodgrass was born on a farm in Mt. Pleasant township, March 19, 1853, and is a son of James P. and Rosa L. (Smith) Snodgrass, the latter of whom also was born in this county and is still living, now nearly ninety years of age, at Muncie, residing at 719 West Powers street. James P. Snodgrass, a former representative in the Indiana state Legislature from this district (1871-73), was born in Kentucky and was about eighteen years of age when his parents, Samuel M. and Mary Snodgrass, both native Kentuckians, came with their family to Delaware county in 1847, and settled in Mt. Pleasant township. Samuel M. Snodgrass was a substantial farmer and landowner and a minister of the Christian (Disciples) church. Both he and his wife spent their last days in this county, his death occurring in September, 1879, and hers in the following May. Both were born in 1802. James P. Snodgrass took an active part in his father's farming operations when the family settled in this county and in time became a considerable landowner in Harrison township. He also studied law and became a member of the local bar. His activities in local politics made him one of the leaders of his party in this section of the state and for two terms in the early '70s he served this district in the lower House of the Indiana General Assembly. He died in 1879, at the age of forty-eight years, and, as noted above, his widow still survives, for many years a resident of Muncie. Reared on the home farm in Harrison township, Ira E. Snodgrass received his schooling in the schools of that township and remained at home until his marriage at the age of eighteen, when he began farming on his own account in that township, and was thus engaged until in 1893 when he left the farm and came to Muncie, where he since has made his home. Upon coming to Muncie Mr. Snodgrass became employed in the grocery store of George Hosler and there became thoroughly familiar with the details of the retail grocery business. In 1918 he became engaged in this business on his own account, opening a grocery store and meat market at 485 Hoyt avenue, and has since been thus engaged, proprietor of a well appointed retail establishment there. Mr. Snodgrass is a Republican

and is affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men and with the Sons and Daughters of Liberty. Ira E. Snodgrass has been four times married. His first wife, Mary E. Reed, died leaving four children, James Emery, Frances, Ulysses D. and Arthur A. James Emery Snodgrass married Maud Seitz, who died leaving one child, Hansel. Frances Snodgrass also is married. Following the death of the mother of these children Mr. Snodgrass married Lizzie Justice, of Harrison township, and following her death he married Viola Ramer, of Muncie, who died leaving one child, a son, Oakley, also now deceased. In 1899 Mr. Snodgrass married Mrs. Rosie L. (Birch) Proctor, of the neighboring county of Blackford, and to this union one child was born, a daughter, Clara Opal, wife of Robert Ingersoll, of Muncie. Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass are members of the Jackson Street Christian church. They reside at 487 Hoyt avenue.

HOWARD T. CRING, head of the Cring Insurance Agency at Muncie and one of the veterans of the local insurance business, has been engaged in that line for nearly thirty years and thus is widely known in insurance circles throughout eastern Indiana. Associated with Mr. Cring in the Cring agency is his son, Kenneth W. Cring. This agency is the local representative of The John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston, representing this company in the counties of Delaware, Grant, Blackford, Howard and Tipton. Before establishing his agency in Muncie, Mr. Cring had been for some time serving as the local representative of this same company in Mercer county, Ohio, and is thus one of the real veteran agents of that company. Mr. Cring was born in the historic old town of Ft. Recovery, just over the Indiana line in Ohio, and is a son of Theophilus and Abbie (McGriff) Cring, the former of German descent and the latter of Scottish descent. The Crings of this family, which is numerously represented throughout western Ohio and eastern Indiana, are descendants of pioneer stock which came into the Midwest country from Pennsylvania back in settlement days. Theophilus Cring was for many years engaged in the drug business at Ft. Recovery. He and his wife had two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, William Cring. Howard T. Cring married Maude R. Mallen, of Zanesville, Ohio, daughter of Frank Mallen, a veteran of the Civil war, and has three children, Helen Modjeska, wife of Cecil H. Walter; Kenneth W. and Nadine Katherine. Kenneth W. Cring, who is associated with his father in the insurance business, is president of the Lions Club of Muncie. Howard T. Cring and his

family reside at 1215 North Walnut street. The Cring Insurance Agency is located at 507 the Wysor building, corner of Walnut and Main streets.

ALONZO C. THORNBURG, president and general manager of the Thornburg Hotel Company, proprietors of the Roberts Hotel at Muncie, is a member of one of the real pioneer families of Delaware county, the Thornburgs having been prominently represented in this county since the days of the opening of lands here in the New Purchase to settlement, some years before Delaware county secured a separate civic organization in 1827. Mr. Thornburg was born on a farm in Liberty township in 1881 and is a son of Eli M. and Mary F. (Hirons) Thornburg, the latter of whom also was born in this county, daughter of Parker C. Hirons, a Virginian, who had left that part of the Old Dominion now comprised within West Virginia and had settled in this county. Eli M. Thornburg, a veteran of the Civil war, also was born in this county and is a son of Joab and Lydia (Howell) Thornburg, the former of whom was born over in Darke county, Ohio, a son of Asahel and Rebecca Thornburg, who had come to Indiana not long after the lands in the New Purchase were opened to settlement in the early '20s of the past century and had settled in the eastern part of what later came to be organized as Delaware county, but which then was within the jurisdiction of Randolph county. Asahel Thornburg, the pioneer, was a Pennsylvanian by birth and was living in Greene county, Ohio, when this country entered upon its second war for independence against England. He served as a soldier during the War of 1812 and later became a pioneer in Darke county, Ohio. When the new lands over here in Indiana were opened for settlement he moved here and in December, 1822, entered a tract of land in Liberty township and established his home there in the then wilderness. The Thornburgs of this line in Delaware county, still numerously represented here, have thus been here for more than one hundred years. To Eli M. and Mary F. (Hirons) Thornburg were born seven children, those besides the subject of this sketch, the sixth in order of birth, being Elmer (deceased), Parker, Laura (deceased), Everett, Charles and Frank. Reared on the home farm in Liberty township, Alonzo C. Thornburg received his early schooling in the schools of that township and supplemented this by a course in a business college, after which he became employed as a clerk in the Hotel Braun at Muncie. There he acquired his liking for the hotel business and presently extended that interest by buying a half interest in the old Kirby hotel at Muncie. When the Hotel Roberts corpor-

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ation was organized in 1919 Mr. Thornburg became one of the organizers of that corporation and was made manager of the hotel, the position he still occupies. In January, 1924, this corporation was reorganized as the Thornburg Hotel Company and Mr. Thornburg was elected president of the company and general manager of its affairs. The Hotel Roberts, completed in 1921 and opened for service in that same year, with its 200 rooms, has come to be recognized as one of the best and most up-to-date hotels in Indiana, and the friends of Mr. Thornburg very properly attribute much of the high reputation this hotel has gained throughout the Midwest to his effective management. Alonzo C. Thornburg married Mary M. Sample, daughter of Johnson E. and Mary (Swearinger) Sample, of Muncie, and has three children, Karl, Virginia and Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Thornburg are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Thornburg is affiliated with the Muncie Ad Club and is a Freemason of high degree and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is affiliated with the Muncie lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

DAVID W. STEWART, a retired merchant and former restaurateur of Muncie, where he still makes his home, has been a resident of Muncie for nearly fifty years and has thus been a witness to the development which during that period has lifted the town from its former position as a somnolent county seat town to its present eminence as one of the thriving manufacturing cities of the Midwest country. Mr. Stewart was born on a farm in Warren county, Illinois, May 10, 1851, and is a son of Joseph and Eveline (Roby) Stewart, the latter of whom was born in Marion county, Virginia, in 1829, and was but a child when she came with her parents to Indiana, the family settling in Henry county. Joseph Stewart was born in Highland county, Ohio, in 1827, and was a son of William Stewart, who in 1830 came to Indiana with his family and settled in Henry county, both the Stewarts and the Robys thus being numbered among the pioneers of that county. William Stewart had five sons, four of whom lived to be past eighty years of age, Joseph being the youngest of these. In 1847 Joseph Stewart married Eveline Roby and two years later, in 1849, moved to Warren county, Illinois, where he remained until in 1856, when he moved to Harrison county, Missouri, where he entered a tract of land from the government and settled down. In later years he moved to Randolph county, Missouri, and at the town of Moberly, spent his last days, his death occurring there in 1907, he then being eighty years of age. He and his wife were

the parents of six children. David W. Stewart was but five years of age when his parents moved to Missouri and he grew to manhood on a pioneer farm in Harrison county, that state. When nineteen years of age he began his commercial career as a clerk in a store in the nearby village of Madison (Mo.) and was thus engaged until in 1875, he then being twenty-four years of age, when he came to Muncie on a visit to kinsfolk. He found the situation here better to his liking than anything Missouri then had to promise and he ever since has been a resident of Muncie, that "visit" thus having been prolonged for nearly half a century. Upon arriving at the decision to make his home in Muncie, Mr. Stewart became engaged as a clerk in the George W. Stevenson dry goods store, and was thus engaged for six years, toward the end of which period he married and established his home at Muncie, going to housekeeping in the house in which he is still living at 710 East Jackson street, and which he thus has occupied for nearly forty-five years. Upon leaving the Stevenson store Mr. Stewart became engaged as a clerk in the store of B. Smith & Son and was thus engaged until in 1885, when he took employment as a traveling salesman for the Standard Oil Company. For eight years he was connected with the Standard's sales force and then he went into business for himself, opening a grocery store and meat market at the corner of Beacon and Kirby streets. That was in 1895, during the booming days of natural gas, and he kept that establishment going for five years, or until in 1900, when he opened a lunch room in the building which then stood on the site of the present McNaughton building in South Walnut street. He made a specialty of hamburger sandwiches in this place and gave to the place the name of "The Hamburger." When he was compelled to move in order to make way for the erection of the McNaughton building, he re-established himself in a room in West Main street, opposite the south or main entrance of the court house, rechristened that place "The Hamburger," a name which it still bears, and there continued in business until in 1916, when he sold out and retired from business, he then being sixty-five years of age, and has since lived retired. Mr. Stewart is a Democrat. He is a thirty-two degree (Scottish Rite) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is a member of the Jackson Street (Disciples) Christian church. It was on January 14, 1880, that David W. Stewart was united in marriage to Anna B. Cecil, daughter of Samuel and Rhoda (Truitt) Cecil, both members of pioneer families of Delaware county, as is set out elsewhere in this work, and to this union three

children were born, two daughters, Zenobia C. and Mabel, and a son, Erville B. Stewart, deceased. The mother of these children died in 1910.

J. EARL PATTERSON, a member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court and former deputy county clerk, was born at Muncie on December 11, 1870, and is a son of Robert I. and Mary E. (Lefavour) Patterson, both of whom also were born at Muncie. The late Robert I. Patterson, former county clerk, former postmaster of Muncie and an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born in the village then known as Muncietown, March 28, 1842, and was a son of Samuel R. and Jane (Turner) Patterson, the latter of whom was a sister of Minus Turner, concerning whom there are many references in this work. Samuel R. Patterson was a Vermont yankee who in the middle '30s located at Muncietown. When the Civil war broke out he went to the front as a private in Company I of the 36th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was with that command when at the battle of Kennesaw Mountain he received a wound which resulted in his death, September 24, 1864, at the military hospital at Jeffersonville, Ind. His widow survived him for many years, she living to be past ninety years of age. To Samuel R. and Jane (Turner) Patterson were born eight children, Robert I. Patterson (the second in order of birth) having had one brother and six sisters. Robert I. Patterson was eighteen years of age when the Civil war broke out. On July 29, 1861, he enlisted and went out as a private in Company E of the 19th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which in the following October became a part of the famous "Iron Brigade" of the Army of the Potomac, and upon the termination of that period of enlistment he re-enlisted, December 31, 1863, and continued in active service until on March 21, 1864, he was incapacitated by wounds and on September 9, 1864, he received his honorable discharge, being mustered out with the rank of corporal. Upon the completion of his military service "Corporal Bob" Patterson returned to Muncie and became employed in the clothing store of his uncle, Josiah Bacon, and after his marriage in 1868 continued his home here. During the legislative session of 1876-7 he served as a clerk in the lower house of the Indiana General Assembly and then became employed as a railway mail clerk. In 1883 he was appointed postmaster at Muncie, his commission running for four years from February 7 of that year. When he left the postoffice he was appointed custodian of the new court house. In the meantime he had been acting as a pension attorney, a service which he continued until

his death. In 1902 he was elected clerk of Delaware county and in that office served for four years, after which his time was given up to his pension business and to the interests he had developed in connection with several patented devices which he had put on the market. In his later years he also was a member of the editorial staff of the Muncie *Star*. He was one of the charter members of Williams post, Grand Army of the Republic, and had served as post commander and also as the senior vice commander of the Indiana Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. Robert I. Patterson died at his home in Muncie on September 29, 1916, and his widow survives him. They had three children, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Inez and Pearl. Reared at Muncie, J. Earl Patterson received his schooling in the local schools and as a boy, during his father's incumbency as postmaster, worked in the postoffice. When his father became county clerk he was made a deputy in the clerk's office and upon the completion of that term of service was employed by the commissioners to work out an orderly filing system for the court's records. In the meantime he had been admitted to the bar and was taking a part in the direction of his father's affairs as a pension attorney, and since his father's death has been carrying on that old established business, with offices in the Patterson building. J. Earl Patterson married Ruth Dickerson, daughter of Mrs. Carrie Dickerson, of Muncie, and has seven children, Marsh, Robert, Helen, Jack, Georgetta, Clinton and Peggy.

JAMES ELMER DURHAM, founder and head of The Durham Manufacturing Company of Muncie, who died at his home in that city in 1918, was a native son of Indiana and had lived in this state the greater part of his life, a resident of Muncie for over thirty years. Mr. Durham was born at Russellville, Ind., March 12, 1862, and was a son of George Spears and Margaret (Black) Durham, the latter of whom was born at Mt. Sterling, Ky., daughter of Miller and Margaret (Whitsett) Black. George Spears Durham was born at Russellville, Ind., a son of Jacob and Hannah (Spears) Durham, and was engaged in farming at Russellville. J. E. Durham was reared in that community, was graduated from De Pauw University in 1885, and in 1888 became engaged in the drug business at Muncie. In 1908 he organized The Durham Manufacturing Company at Muncie and became engaged in the manufacture of juvenile handcars. Eventually this plant was given over to the manufacture of fireless cookers and kindred specialties, and in that line has developed a large business, the Durham products now finding a wide market and doing

much to carry far the name and fame of "Greater Muncie." Mr. Durham started his industry here in a small building at Madison and Howard streets, with five employes, and this industry has gradually expanded until it now occupies an up-to-date and well equipped plant at Mound and Cleveland streets. Following the death of Mr. Durham in 1918 the company was reorganized and his interest is represented by his son, Frederic E. Durham, secretary of the company, the other officers of which are E. B. Ball, president; F. B. Barnard, vice-president; H. C. Johnson, treasurer; G. A. Taylor, general manager; H. R. Bard, superintendent. In 1888, at Indianapolis, J. E. Durham married Ella Josephine Edwards who was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, daughter of E. A. and Melvina (Sheren) Edwards, and to this union were born two children, Lois Lovett and Frederic Edwards. Lois L. Durham was graduated from the Art Academy at Cincinnati, Ohio, and in 1913 married C. E. Scoggins, of Texas, who is widely known in literary circles, a writer whose stories have attracted much attention. F. E. Durham was graduated from Indiana University in 1915, and has ever since been associated with the operations of the Durham Manufacturing Company, of which he is the secretary. J. E. Durham died on September 8, 1918, and his widow is still living at Muncie, making her home at 704 East Washington street.

JOHN W. RYAN, a veteran of the Civil war, a former representative from this county in the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, a former prosecuting attorney for Delaware county and in his generation one of the best known lawyers in eastern Indiana, a one time law partner of Judge Joseph S. Buckles and in later years continuing his practice in association with his son, Thomas L. Ryan, who is still in practice at Muncie, left a good memory at his passing and it is but proper that here should be carried some slight tribute to that memory. The late John W. Ryan was born in Butler county, Ohio, and was a son of Dr. Townsend Ryan and Susan Wilson Ryan, who later became residents of Anderson, Ind., where Doctor Ryan was long engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery. During the time of the Civil war, Doctor Ryan rendered service in the Union army, a participant in the Point Pleasant campaign in West Virginia, and rose to the rank of colonel. When the war broke out in 1861 John W. Ryan was studying law in the office of Milton Robinson at Anderson. There he helped to organize Company G of the 17th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and with that command served until veteranized, when he was commissioned a first lieutenant and assigned to the 34th regiment, later being promoted to the rank of

captain. During the time of his service in the army Mr. Ryan participated in the West Virginia campaign, comprising Cheat Mountain and Grafton districts, under Rosecrans and was thus at the Little Kanawha, Oakland (Md.) and Camp Pendleton engagements. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Ryan resumed his law studies and presently was admitted to the bar, not long afterward locating at Muncie, where in 1870 he became a partner of Joseph S. Buckles, who had just retired from the bench after a service of ten years as judge of the Delaware circuit court. Later Mr. Ryan was elected prosecuting attorney for this judicial circuit and in that capacity he served a term. In 1880 he was elected to represent this district in the Legislature and served a term in that important public capacity. Later and for some years he also served as United States referee in bankruptcy for this district and in other ways took his part in public service. When his son, Thomas L. Ryan, was admitted to the bar in 1898 a partnership in the practice of law was effected between father and son, under the firm name of Ryan & Ryan, and this firm was maintained until the death of John W. Ryan on September 23, 1919. John W. Ryan married Lida A. Jenkins, an artist and musician of more than local note, and they were blessed with four children, two daughters, Susan R. and Mildred V., and two sons, Thomas L. and Walter S. Ryan, the latter of whom is now practicing electrical engineering in New York. Thomas L. Ryan supplemented his local schooling by a course in engineering at the Hoboken Institute of Technology, his studies having been directed with special reference to the technical side of mechanical and structural engineering. Upon completing his law studies under the preceptorship of his father he was admitted to the bar, became a partner in his father's law practice, and has since continued practicing law at Muncie, his special attention being given to practice as a consulting engineer and patent lawyer. He is now the president of the Highlands Manufacturing Company of Muncie, a concern engaged in the manufacture of portable lamps and lighting fixtures, and he has always taken keen interest in the political and social affairs of the city. Mr. Ryan married Lenora Highlands, of Clinton, Iowa, and has three children, Mrs. Marion E. Davis of Cincinnati, Ohio, who was educated at De Pauw University; a second daughter, Florence R., who is attending the University of Cincinnati, and a son, Lawrence S. Ryan, who is now serving in the United States army, in Troop "A", 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, now in service on the Mexican border, at Fort Bliss, Texas. The Ryans reside at 617 East Adams street.

MAJOR HOWARD ATKINSON, secretary-treasurer of the Maxon Premix Burner Company of Muncie and a veteran of the Spanish-American War and of the Philippine service, was born at Charleston, W. Va., December 18, 1870, and is a son of the Hon. George Wesley Atkinson and Ellen (Eagan) Atkinson, the latter of whom was born in Waterford, Ireland, and was but a child when she came to this country with her parents. The Hon. George Wesley Atkinson, former Governor of West Virginia, who is still living at Charleston, is a Virginian by birth. In 1896 he was elected Governor of West Virginia and thus served in that distinguished executive capacity during the period of the Spanish-American war. Later he was appointed by President Roosevelt as judge of the United States Court of Claims and served as a justice of that court for twenty years and is now living honorably retired at Charleston. Major Howard Atkinson grew up at Charleston and early became attracted to the sea, the days of his young manhood being spent on sailing vessels of the now extinct "square rigged" type, sailing in them to ports in all parts of the world. When he was twenty-one years of age he was licensed as a master and commanded a number of vessels When this country declared war on Spain in the spring of 1898 he was commissioned a major in the 2nd West Virginia regiment. In June, 1899, he was transferred to the 27th Infantry and was sent to the Philippine Islands, and for ten years thereafter labored in the trying task of helping to get the people of those islands organized along civilized lines. Major Atkinson organized the historic company of Illicano Scouts and later was appointed assistant chief of the Philippine constabulary, the chief of which organization was Gen. Henry T. Allen, continuing thus to serve with these native troops until his final discharge on account of disability due to illness. It was owing to this disability that he was "turned down" when he offered his services during the world war. Upon his return to the States, Major Atkinson resumed his former life at Charleston and presently established there a machine shop and foundry and was thus engaged in business at that place until in 1920, when he disposed of his interests at Charleston to take part in the affairs of the Maxon Premix Burner Company at Muncie, of which he became the secretary and treasurer, and has since been thus engaged at this company's offices and plant at Jefferson street and the Belt railroad. In 1897 Howard Atkinson was united in marriage to Genevieve Maxon, daughter of Mrs. Genevieve Maxon, a descendent of one of the original French families who settled at the pioneer town of

Gallipolis, Ohio, where she was born and lived until married. Major and Mrs. Atkinson are Republicans and members of the Episcopal church. They reside at No. 10, the Canopic apartments.

C. RAY ANDREWS, motion picture promoter and proprietor of three of the leading amusement houses of Muncie, former head of the board of public works of that city and former chairman of the Democratic central committee for that city, very properly may regard himself as a member of the real "first family" of Muncie, for he is a descendant in the fourth generation of Goldsmith C. Gilbert, the Yankee trader, who was the first white man on the ground here when it came time to establish a settlement on the site of the old Munsee Indian village here at the bend of the river upon the acquisition by the Government of the lands here in the New Purchase more than one hundred years ago. Mr. Andrews was born in the immediate vicinity of Yorktown, in Mt. Pleasant township, this county, August 19, 1882, and is a son of John E. and Hanna F. Andrews, the former of whom, a retired miller, now living at Muncie, is a son of Dr. Daniel H. and Mary Jane (Gilbert) Andrews, the latter of whom was the daughter of Goldsmith C. Gilbert and was the first white child born on the present site of Muncie, as is set out elsewhere in this work, together with much interesting detail regarding the coming of the Gilberts here in the early '20s of the past century, as well as of the coming of Dr. Daniel H. Andrews, the honored pioneer physician of old Muncietown. John E. Andrews grew up familiar with the details of the grain milling business and many years ago became engaged in milling at Yorktown, in the immediate vicinity of which village he also owned a farm. In 1888 he disposed of that mill and returned to Muncie, the town of his birth, and was there further engaged in milling until his retirement in 1919. C. Ray Andrews was six years of age when his parents moved back to Muncie and he received his schooling in the schools of that city. When eighteen years of age he went to New York and there took a course in professional dancing and dramatic expression and presently became engaged with the Davidson Stock Company and for two years thereafter was entour with that company, playing theaters in the East and Middle West. In 1904 Mr. Andrews returned to Muncie and took over the management of the Star theater, then playing vaudeville, and presently became the owner of that house. In 1907 he razed the building in which the Star theater was located and erected the present Star Theater building, at first operating the house under the firm style of the U. S.

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Amusement Company. In 1908 he organized the Andrews Theater Company, which absorbed the old amusement company, and in 1912 organized the Home Motion Picture Company and erected the Columbia Theater building. In 1918 Mr. Andrews personally bought the Lyric theater, which he continues to operate, and thus now is in charge of three busy motion picture houses in the city, all of which have a well established popularity. Mr. Andrews is a Democrat and for twelve years served as chairman of that party's central committee in Muncie, and for four years was president of the local board of works. He is a member of the Theatrical Managers' Association and of the local post of the Travelers' Protective Association and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Improved Order of Red Men. C. Ray Andrews married Annette Levy, daughter of Samuel and Ida Levy, and has one child, a son, Darwin Andrews.

CHARLES W. TESCH, superintendent of the plant of the Muncie branch of the Republic Iron and Steel Company, manufacturers of bolts, nuts, screws and turnbuckles, has been connected with the affairs of that concern at Muncie for nearly twenty years. Mr. Tesch was born at Cleveland, Ohio, December 16, 1880, and is the son of Charles Fred and Albertina (Buelow) Tesch, the former of whom is still living, now a resident of Muncie. Reared at Cleveland, Charles W. Tesch received his early schooling in the parochial schools of that city and at the age of thirteen years became apprenticed to the machinist's trade, a vocation with which he became thoroughly familiar. By attending night school and pursuing correspondence courses of study he extended his knowledge along technical lines and became a graduate stationary engineer, completing his apprenticeship in the plant of the Upson Nut Company of Cleveland. As a journeyman machinist Mr. Tesch became employed in various plants throughout the East and was thus engaged for about five years, at the end of which time he became employed in the plant of the Youngstown Manufacturing Company at Youngstown, Ohio, working there under the superintendency of John Stetter. When Mr. Stetter transferred his connection to the plant of the Republic Iron and Steel Company at Muncie, Mr. Tesch went to Cleveland and in the following year (1906) came to Muncie and was made foreman of the finishing department of the plant of the Republic Iron and Steel Company here, a concern which moved to Muncie from Toledo in 1892-3 and has thus for years been one of the important industries of Muncie, now employing around 350 persons. Promotions in the service of

this company followed and upon the death of Richard Starr, superintendent of the plant, in 1921, Mr. Tesch was advanced to the post of superintendent and has since occupied that responsible position. In 1902, in New York state, Charles W. Tesch was united in marriage to Sarah Ann Dibble and he and his wife have four children, Nora, Charles, Martha Jane and Richard Wallace. Mr. and Mrs. Tesch are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Tesch is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and is affiliated with the fraternal order of Knights of Pythias.

EDWARD W. BARRETT, superintendent of the local division of the operations of the Prudential Life Insurance Company at Muncie, with offices in the Johnson block, and a resident of that city since 1916, was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Salem, county seat of Washington county, Indiana, October 27, 1866, and is a son of Allen L. and Maria (McClannahan) Barrett, both of whom were born in that same county, members of pioneer families there, and both now deceased. Allen L. Barrett was a son of Luke Barrett, who was a son of Luke Barrett who had come to this country from Ireland and had settled in Virginia. After his marriage the junior Luke Barrett had moved to Kentucky and had come thence up into Indiana and settled in Washington county, where he lived to be past eighty-four years of age. Allen L. Barrett spent all his life on the farm in Washington county. He was twice married. His first wife, Maria McClannahan, was a daughter of Samuel McClannahan, who was born in Virginia, a son of a Scottish immigrant. Samuel McClannahan moved to Washington county, Indiana, after his marriage, and there spent the remainder of his life, living to be more than eighty years of age. To Allen L. and Maria (McClannahan) Barrett were born seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last born, the others being Samuel, Mary, Annis, Margaret L., Charles and John, all of whom are living save Samuel and Charles. Upon the death of the mother of these children Allen L. Barrett married Carsanda Williams and to this union were born eight children, Jennie, Benjamin, Frank, Cyrus A., Bishop S., Cora, Maude and James, all of whom are living save Cora and Maude. Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Salem, Edward W. Barrett received his schooling in the local schools and at the age of sixteen began clerking in a dry goods store at Salem. Some years later he became engaged in business there for himself, and was thus engaged until in 1898, when his attention was attracted to the possibilities of the life insurance field and he entered the service of the Prudential Life Insurance Company,

with which concern he ever since has been connected. Mr. Barrett's initial service with this company was rendered in the Indianapolis office. He presently was promoted to the position of superintendent of the company's Vincennes district and after four years of service there was transferred to Oakland, Cal., where he remained for six years, or until in 1916, when he was given charge of the company's Muncie district affairs and has since been carrying on at Muncie, with present offices at 363 the Johnson block. Mr. Barrett is a Democrat and has rendered public service as a member of the city board of safety. He is a Chapter Mason, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of Pythias, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1890, at Salem, Ind., Edward W. Barrett was united in marriage to Clara P. Proe, daughter of F. L. Proe, a lawyer of that city and a veteran of the Civil war, and to this union three children have been born, Forrest P., Percy M. and Mary Virginia. Both these sons are veterans of the World war, the latter rendering service in the navy and the former in the army. Percy M. Barrett is now the managing editor of a newspaper at Austin, Tex. Forrest P. Barrett was for five years connected with the army, a first lieutenant. He saw considerable active overseas service and remained in service until in May, 1922. He is now engaged in the advertising business at Portland, Oregon.

NOSSETT BROS., printers and publishers, have been engaged in business in Muncie for years. The two brothers, Lon A. and Stanley I. Nossett, were born in Ohio, were reared in Illinois and have been residents of Muncie since 1907. They were born on a farm in Preble county, Ohio, the former in 1881 and the latter in 1883, and are sons of James M. and Eliza J. (Ashworth) Nossett, both of whom were born in Virginia, the latter a daughter of Hilary Ashworth, also a Virginian, who became one of the pioneers of Preble county, Ohio. James M. Nossett was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, a son of James Nossett, a farmer. In the early '80s James M. Nossett became a resident of Preble county, Ohio, where he married and for some years thereafter made his home, then moving to Illinois, where the Nossett brothers were reared. The brothers received their schooling in the schools of Freeport and Rockford, Ill. Upon completing the high school course in the latter city, Lon A. Nossett took a course in the college at Mt. Morris. At Rockford the brothers had learned the printing trade and as mere boys went to Danville, Ill., where they became employed in the office of the *Commercial-News*. In 1907 they came to Muncie and in the following year (1908) they bought

out the old print shop which had been established by J. W. Perkins at Muncie in 1881. They presently moved that plant to more commodious quarters in the Boyce block on Main street and as their business expanded later found it necessary to acquire larger quarters, moving then to 116 North Mulberry street, where they remained until in 1919, when they bought the building in which their printing establishment now is located at 117 North Franklin street, where they since have carried on their business and where they have a well equipped and up-to-date printing factory, with facilities for taking care of all general commercial printing. Among the edition publications taken care of in this shop is *The Masonic Review*, the organ of the local Masonic bodies at Muncie, which is published by Nossett Bros. Both Lon and Stanley Nossett are past worshipful masters in Freemasonry and are nobles of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. They likewise are members of the Knights of Pythias and Lon Nossett also is a member of the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose. Lon A. Nossett married Nellie Edwards, of Danville, Ill., and has three children, Lonella E., Dorothy M. and Billie J. He and his family reside at 400 West North street. Stanley I. Nossett married Maude M. Mills, of Mattoon, Ill., and has two children, Stanley C. and Edna Mae. He and his family reside at 324 East North street.

EDWARD ERNEST ELLIOTT, general manager of the Woodbury-Elliott Grain Company of Muncie and a member of the common council of that city, is a Hoosier by birth and has been a resident of this state all his life, a resident of Muncie for the past twenty years and more. Mr. Elliott was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Fairmount in the neighboring county of Grant on February 23, 1872, and is a son of William S. and Alice Clara (Radley) Elliott, the latter of whom, now deceased, was born at Chelmsford, County Essex, England, February 12, 1845, and was but four years of age when in 1849 she came to this country with her parents, Samuel and Mary (Bull) Radley, the family proceeding on out into Indiana and settling in Grant county at the point where the village of Radley later came into being when the railroad came along that way. The Radleys were of Quaker stock. William S. Elliott was born on a farm near the city of Marion, in Grant county, January 16, 1844, and is a son of Reuben and Rebecca (Moore) Elliott, also Quakers, the latter of whom was born in the Carmel neighborhood in Hamilton county, this state. Reuben Elliott was born in North Carolina, of Scottish stock, his American ancestor having been one of two brothers Elliott who

came to this country in colonial days, one of these brothers locating in North Carolina and the other in Pennsylvania. Reared on the home farm in Grant county, William S. Elliott was living there when the Civil war broke out. At the age of eighteen he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and went to the front as a private in Company C of the 89th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for four years or until the end of the war. Following his marriage he settled on a farm in the Fairmount neighborhood and there remained until his retirement and removal to Fairmount, where he is now living. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and an active Republican and for about twelve years served as a member of the board of county commissioners for Grant county. His wife died on June 11, 1921. They were the parents of eleven children, all of whom are living. Edward E. Elliott was reared on the home farm in Grant county, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and remained at home until he had attained his majority, when he became engaged in the saw-milling business in Grant county and was thus engaged for about four years or until his mill was destroyed by fire, when he took up the grain business at Radley and in time became the manager of a string of elevators. In 1903 he moved to Muncie to take charge of the general office of this grain concern, which had been established there, and he since has been engaged in the grain business in this city, treasurer and general manager of the Woodbury-Elliott Grain Company, with offices at 111 South High street. This concern now operates four grain elevators, and since 1910 also has been operating in the general wholesale and retail seed trade. Mr. Elliott was one of the organizers of the Citizens Finance Association of Muncie and is a member of the board of directors of that body. He is a Republican and in 1921 was elected a member of the city council and in the first year of his service in that body served as president of the council. He and his wife are affiliated with the Friends church. It was on October 9, 1891, that Edward E. Elliott was united in marriage to Clementina Moon, who also was born in Grant county, daughter of William B. and Hester Ellen (McCombs) Moon, and to this union three children have been born, Glenna Elizabeth, William Edward and Alice Lucile, the two latter of whom still are in school. Glenna Elizabeth Elliott was graduated from the Muncie high school in 1913 and then took a course in Earlham College. She married Dr. Craig D. Butler, a Chicago physician who specializes in the treatment of the diseases of children, and has three children, Robert Elliott, William Craig and John Edward.

ROSS BOONE, proprietor of the Ross Boone Electrical Shop at 311 East Main street, Muncie, has been engaged in that business at Muncie for nearly a quarter of a century and is thus one of the best established electrical supply men in eastern Indiana. Mr. Boone was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Winchester, in the neighboring county of Randolph, in 1870, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Jones) Boone, both members of old families in that county. Reared on the home farm in Randolph county, Ross Boone received his schooling in the Winchester schools and early became employed as a carpenter. In September, 1892, he came to Muncie and followed this trade until in 1900, when he became definitely engaged in electrical construction work at Muncie, a business he ever since has followed, with his present establishment at 311 East Main street, where he is admirably equipped for giving full attention to all calls in this line. During the many years in which he has been engaged in electrical construction at Muncie, Mr. Boone has taken care of some of the largest contracts along that line called for in the city, among his electrical equipment installations having been those put in the postoffice building, the McNaughton block, the Vatet (Western Reserve Life) block, the junior high school building and others of similar magnitude. Mr. Boone is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Ross Boone married Elizabeth Laugering, daughter of Henry Laugering, of Muncie, and has two children, a son, Merrill K., and a daughter, Mildred E. During the time of this country's participation in the World war Merrill K. Boone rendered service as a soldier in the Engineering Corps. The Boones reside at 311½ East Main street.

PHILIP STAUF, an old established plumber at Muncie, has been a resident of that city since 1888, the year in which the development of the city following the opening of the gas field hereabout was begun, and has thus been a contributing factor in the growth of the city during all of what may be regarded as its period of "modern" development. Mr. Stauf was born in the city of New York on June 4, 1867, a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Miller) Stauf, and was reared in that city. He early learned the plumber's trade and worked at that trade in New York until he had attained his majority, when, in 1888, he came to Indiana, attracted by the possibilities then opening out in consequence of the opening of the natural gas field, and located at Muncie, where he ever since has resided. At the time Mr. Stauf located at Muncie there was an urgent call for plumbers, for the city

began then to grow rapidly, and it was not long until he found himself well established in business in the general plumbing line, a business which he ever since has successfully maintained, with his present well equipped establishment at 215 West Main street, where he is prepared to take care of all calls made in his line. Mr. Stauf is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and also is affiliated with the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1891 Philip Stauf married Sadie Bishop, daughter of Joshua Bishop, of Portland, Ind., and he and his wife have one child, a daughter, Mildred, who married Hubert L. Parkinson, a Muncie newspaper man, and has one child, a son, Robert P. Parkinson. The Staufs reside at 725 West Charles street.

LORING W. MELLETTE, a member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court and district representative for the Bradstreet commercial agency, was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Springport, down over the line in the neighboring county of Henry, January 1, 1871, and his youth was spent in the household of James T. Hickman at Springport. Mr. Mellette completed his public schooling at Springport and early began teaching school. He later entered Indiana University, where he gave his special attention to the study of law, and in 1900 was graduated from that institution with the degree of LL. B. Upon leaving the university Mr. Mellette became engaged in the practice of law in Madison county and was there thus engaged when this country took a hand in the World war in 1917. He offered his services in this behalf and became employed in clerical work for the government in connection with the great Muscle Shoals power project in Alabama, continuing thus employed until after the close of the war. In 1922 Mr. Mellette moved with his family to Muncie and here opened an office for the practice of law and has since then been thus engaged, with offices at 605 the Wysor building, where he also carries on his operations as district representative and reporter for the Bradstreet commercial agency. Mr. Mellette is a Republican, is a member of the college fraternities Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Phi and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. It was in 1890, at Springport, that Loring W. Mellette was united in marriage to Margaret Reed, of that place, the two having been schoolmates at Springport, and to this union two children have been born, a daughter, Lucille, who now is teaching school at Springport, and a son, Waldo R. Mellette. Mrs. Mellette was born at Springport, a daughter of John M. and Ankah B. (Beavers) Reed, and for some time both before and after her marriage was engaged as a

teacher in the public schools, both she and her husband continuing their teaching service in Madison county for some time after their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Mellette reside at the Braun hotel.

BENJAMIN N. CAMPBELL, president of the Campbell Ice Cream and Milk Company of Muncie, a concern which has been in operation for nearly twenty years, and formerly and for years engaged in the drug business at Muncie, is a native Hoosier and has been a resident of Muncie for more than thirty years. Mr. Campbell was born in the village of Mt. Tabor in Monroe county, Indiana, December 1, 1871, and is a son of John and Mary Elizabeth (Gentry) Campbell, the latter of whom also was born in Indiana, a member of the pioneer Gentry family which has many connections in the lower part of the state. Her father, Lemuel Gentry, served for some time as treasurer of Monroe county. The late John Campbell, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Preble county, Ohio, a member of one of the pioneer families of western Ohio, and in his youth became a resident of Indiana, where he was living when the Civil war broke out. He enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and went to the front with Company B of the 67th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the end of the war and was mustered out with the rank of captain. Upon the completion of his military service Captain Campbell returned to Indiana, presently established his home on a farm in Monroe county and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1880. To him and his wife were born twelve children, eight of whom grew to maturity, those beside the subject of this sketch being Cynthia, Sarah Alice, Magnolia, Myrtle, Cora, Grant and David P., the latter of whom, now deceased, became the organizer of the Campbell Ice Cream and Milk Company of Muncie. Benjamin N. Campbell was about 8 years of age when his father died and he then went with his mother to Gosport, in the adjoining county of Owen, and in due time was graduated from the high school there. Until he was twenty-one years of age he worked with his brother in a grocery store at Gosport and then went to Martinsville, where he was employed in a grocery for a short time, or until in 1893, when he rejoined his brother, David P. Campbell, who meanwhile had become engaged in the drug business at Muncie, and he ever since has been a resident of Muncie. The drug firm of D. P. Campbell & Bro., continued in business at Muncie until the death of David P. Campbell in 1919 and the business thereafter was carried on by the surviving partner, Benjamin N. Campbell, until in

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the spring of 1921, when he sold the drug store in order to give his undivided attention to the expanding business of the Campbell Ice Cream and Milk Company, which years before he and his brother had organized, David P. Campbell giving his chief attention to that concern and Benjamin N. Campbell taking charge of the drug store. It was in September, 1905, that the Campbells established this ice cream and milk business, starting in a small way with a view chiefly to the needs of their own ice cream trade. It was not long until there came a demand for their products that necessitated expansion and their first plant at the corner of Walnut and Willard streets long ago was supplanted by their present commodious and well equipped plant at 1500 South Walnut street. This plant, which includes an ample refrigerating plant, now is operating with a capacity of 100,000 gallons of ice cream a year and as a milk station handles, retail and wholesale, 1,000 gallons of milk a day. The demand for the Campbell ice cream has created a market for that product covering a large area throughout Indiana and over in western Ohio. Further reference to this important manufacturing concern is made elsewhere in this work. In 1908 Benjamin N. Campbell was united in marriage to Josephine Maddox, daughter of Collins Maddox, of Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Campbell is a 32 degree Mason, is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of Moose and is a Democrat.

MRS. HARRIET MARSH JOHNSTON, widow of John R. Johnston, who at the time of his death was employed as deputy county auditor, and a daughter of John Marsh who for more than thirty years during the earlier stages of Muncie's development was a leading figure in the banking interests of that city, has for more than twenty-five years been engaged in the insurance business in Muncie and thus may be regarded as a pioneer in the movement which of late years has given woman so important a part in the business activities of that city, a movement which in many ways she has done much to promote locally. Mrs. Johnston was born at Muncie, October 25, 1860, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Mitchell) Marsh, both of whom were born in Preble county, Ohio, members of pioneer families of that county, and whose last days were spent in Muncie, of which place they had become residents back in its village days before the Civil war. John Marsh was born on August 22, 1811, and was a son of Timothy and Mary (Clawson) Marsh, the latter of whom

was born near the mouth of the Little Miami on August 22, 1787, a daughter of John Clawson, a soldier of the Revolution from New Jersey, and tradition has it that she was the first white child born in that section of what afterward became the state of Ohio. She lived to be past ninety years of age and died at the home of one of her sons in Fulton county, Indiana, in September, 1877. Timothy Marsh was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and was a member of an old Colonial family, his ancestor, Samuel Marsh, the founder of the family in this country, having settled there upon his arrival from England as early as 1632. Reared on a pioneer farm in Preble county, John Marsh at the age of eighteen was apprenticed to a hatter at Eaton, the county seat and his neighboring town, and upon acquiring his trade began working in the neighboring village of Camden and presently became engaged in business there on his own account. During the '40s he was elected treasurer of Preble county and by re-election served in that office for six years. When the Eaton branch of the bank of the State of Ohio was established he became a stockholder in that enterprise and was elected a director of the same, later becoming interested in the bank at Cambridge City, Ind., this being the beginning of his long banking career. In October, 1856, he was called to Muncie to take charge of the Muncie branch of the State Bank of Indiana, which had been organized in the summer of that year, and when this bank was nationalized as the Muncie National Bank in 1865 he became cashier of the latter institution and so continued until his retirement in 1874, this step being necessitated by failing health. After a season of travel he found himself recuperated physically and when the Citizens National Bank of Muncie was opened in November of that year (1874) he was elected cashier of the new institution and in this position continued in the banking business until his death on January 9, 1887. John Marsh exerted a wide influence in the commercial and social life of Muncie in his generation and at his passing left a good memory. As one of his friends said at the time: "Nothing too good could be said of John Marsh, and those who knew him would heartily endorse any words of eulogy that might be written of him." From the time of his joining the church in 1854 he was an active force in the councils of the Methodist Episcopal church and ever took a helpful part in promoting movements for the common good during the period of his residence in Muncie. When the second (Muncie) lodge of Freemasons was organized in Muncie he was elected treasurer of that body and was retained in this office until his death. He also was a member of the local

commandery of the Knights Templar. From the time of its organization he was a strong supporter of the Republican party. John Marsh was thrice married. On May 25, 1835, he was united in marriage to Margaret Mitchell, who died at Eaton in 1849, leaving four children, Henry C., Mary J., Lucy and Phoebe. In 1850 he married Mary A. Simpson, who died in 1854, without issue, and on August 29, 1854, he married Mrs. Mary (Mitchell) Mutchner, who also was born in Preble county, February 2, 1823, and who died at Muncie on December 18, 1899, thus surviving her husband more than twelve years. To this latter union were born four children, William M., Charles C., of the United States navy, Harriet M. and John R. Marsh. Reared at Muncie, Harriet M. Marsh was graduated from the high school in 1878, when seventeen years of age. She supplemented her local musical schooling by a course in the Cincinnati Musical College and for a number of years served as organist in the Methodist Episcopal church. On October 11, 1881, she married John R. Johnston, who died in 1885, leaving her with a son, Robert Marsh Johnston, then under two years of age. John R. Johnston was born at Indianapolis on October 11, 1857, and his business career was begun with his father in the wholesale drug trade in that city. After coming to Muncie he was for some years employed as deputy county recorder and was occupying that position at the time of his death. Following her husband's death, Mrs. Johnston became employed as an assistant teller in her father's bank and was thus engaged until in 1897, when she became engaged in business on her own account, opening a local insurance agency, and has ever since been thus engaged, with present offices at 2 the Patterson block. It is not improper to say that she found this new field a pleasant one as well as a successful one and that under her painstaking direction her agency has expanded until now she is the local representative of no fewer than twelve insurance companies and is recognized as one of the leaders in that line in the city, which speaks well for woman's activities in business. Mrs. Johnston is a member of the Episcopal church, as was her husband, and is a Republican, as was he. During the time of this country's participation in the World war she rendered much real service in promoting local "drives" for the raising of funds and in promoting the activities of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, of which she has served as vice president. She is the present president of the local Young Women's Christian Association, whose interests she has for years actively fostered and has done much toward establishing the generous fund which has been created with

a view presently to giving this growing and useful association adequate and permanent quarters in Muncie. She also is vice president of the Muncie Art Association, one of the active directors of the affairs of the Muncie Business Women's Club, and a member of the local Tuberculois Association and such like organizations of a social service character. Despite her busy life since her widowhood, Mrs. Johnston has found time for the cultivation of her inherent interest in good citizenship, literature and art and has twice visited Europe and also has toured the oriental countries of China and Japan. Mrs. Johnston's son, Robert Marsh Johnston, was born at Muncie on August 22, 1883. Upon completing the course in the local schools he entered Cornell University, where he was schooled for the profession of mechanical and civil engineering, and is now employed on the staff of the Jeffrey-DeWitt Insulator Company of Huntington, W. Va. He is the inventor of a process for the more effective insulation of high-tension wires which is now being used and manufactured by the Jeffrey-Dewitt Insulator Company. He married Marguerite Hurst, of Mansfield, Ohio, and has one daughter, Helen, now nine years old.

KENNETH ALBERTUS SPURGEON, general manager and a member of the directorate of the Muncie Gear Company of Muncie, was born in that city and has resided there all his life. Mr. Spurgeon was born on November 14, 1889, and is a son of Dr. William A. and Minerva A. (Whitney) Spurgeon, the latter of whom also was born in Delaware county, daughter of Lafayette Whitney. Dr. William A. Spurgeon, president of the company operating the Muncie Gear Works and a physician of more than forty years standing in Muncie, was born at Salem, Ind., February 1, 1852, and is a son of Wiley and Mary F. (McKinney) Spurgeon, the latter of whom was a daughter of James A. McKinney, a Tennesseean, who had located in the Salem settlement in 1811, five years before Indiana was admitted to statehood. Wiley Spurgeon was a son of Josiah Spurgeon, a North Carolinan, who also entered the Salem settlement in 1811, the Spurgeons and the McKinneys thus being numbered among the real pioneer families of Indiana. Wiley Spurgeon was a soldier under General Taylor during the time of the Mexican war. Doctor Spurgeon was graduated from the Physio-Medical College of Indiana in 1875 and was in practice at Bedford, Ind., and Indianapolis until in 1880, when he located at Muncie, where he ever since has been engaged in practice, one of the real veterans of the medical profession in eastern Indiana. Kenneth A. Spurgeon was reared at Muncie and supple-

mented the schooling received in the schools of that city by a course in Wabash College at Crawfordsville. Upon his return from college he became connected with the operations of the Muncie Gear Works, of which company his father meanwhile had become president, and made himself thoroughly familiar with all details of this operation, presently being made a member of the board of directors of the company, and since 1917 also has been the general manager of the concern's operations. The Muncie Gear Works, a well equipped manufacturing plant at Wysor and Vine streets, was established in Muncie about the year 1908, having first been known as the High Wheel Auto Parts Company. On March 10, 1910, the Muncie Gear Works was incorporated with a capitalization of $250,000, bought the plant of the auto parts company and started in on an up-to-date basis to manufacture transmissions and clutches, which since has been its specialty, a wide market having been created for its products. H. L. Warner was the first president of the company operating this plant. He was succeeded by T. W. Warner, who in turn was succeeded by the present president, Dr. William A. Spurgeon, whose son Kenneth is the general manager. The present capitalization of this company is $300,000 and about 150 persons are employed in the plant. In 1912, at Anderson, Ind., Kenneth A. Spurgeon was united in marriage to Marybelle Hill and to this union have been born three children, Mildred, Susanne and William. Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon are members of the Christian Church and Mr. Spurgeon is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The Spurgeons reside at 727 Wheeling avenue.

ALBERT E. NEEDHAM, a member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court, with residence and offices at Muncie, a former prosecutor for Delaware county and for years an active factor in local affairs, is a native son of Delaware county and with the exception of a brief period of residence at Tulsa, Okla., some years ago, has been a resident of this county all his life. Mr. Needham was born on a farm in Salem township on April 8, 1873, and is a son of John and Mary C. (Chiles) Needham, both of whom were born in Preble county, Ohio, and the latter of whom is still living, now past seventy-five years of age. The late John Needham, who for many years was a well known resident of this county, was a son of James and Lydia (Henderson) Needham, the latter of whom was born in Ireland and had come to this country with her parents when she was but a child. James Needham was born in Pittsburg, Pa., of Irish lineage, and after his marriage settled in Preble county, Ohio. John Needham

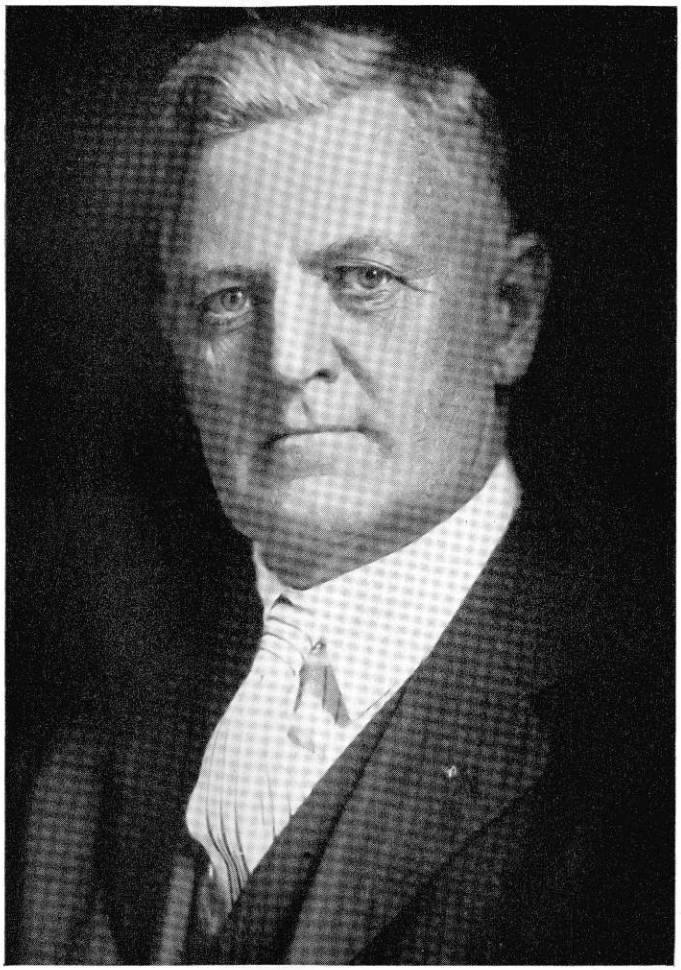
was reared in that county and was living there when the Civil war broke out. At the age of sixteen years he succeeded in passing muster for enlistment in behalf of the cause of the Union and went to the front as a member of the 134th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the end of the war. Upon the completion of his military service he located in Delaware county and after his marriage became engaged in farming in Salem township. He later moved to Muncie and the last twenty-five years of his life were spent in that city, where he was engaged as a building contractor, his death occurring there in December, 1921, he then being seventy-nine years of age. He was a Republican and a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and was a member of the Christian church, as is his widow. Mrs. Needham in her younger days was a teacher in the schools of this county and for some time after her marriage continued in that profession. She is a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Yost) Chiles, both of whom were born in Preble county, Ohio, members of real pioneer families of that county, and who became residents of Delaware county when she was a girl, so that by far the greater part of her life has been spent in this county. To John and Mary C. (Chiles) Needham were born five children, the subject of this sketch having four sisters, Emma B., Margaret E., Frances R. and Josephine C. Reared on the home farm in Salem township, Albert E. Needham received his early schooling in the local district school in the neighborhood of his home and as a young man became engaged in teaching in the district schools of the county, a vocation he followed for five years. Meantime he took a course in the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute and followed studies preparatory to taking up the profession of the law. These studies he completed under the preceptorship of Joseph G. Leffler at Muncie, and in 1896 was admitted to the bar and entered upon practice in association with Judge Leffler and Walter L. Ball, an association that was continued for fifteen years. In 1904 Mr. Needham was elected prosecuting attorney for this judicial circuit and served in that capacity for two years. Something more than ten years ago he became attracted to the possibilities that seemed to be opening at Tulsa, Okla., and went out there, but after a brief residence at that place properly decided that Muncie was much the better town of the two and returned here and resumed practice and has since been thus engaged, with present offices at 119½ East Main street. Mr. Needham is a Republican, a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and of the local post

of the Sons of Veterans. In 1898 Albert E. Needham was united in marriage to Lola J. Harrington, of Muncie, and to this union one child has been born, a son, John T. Needham.

EDWARD B. WILSON, a member of the Keller Company, clothing dealers at Muncie, and vice president of that company, has been connected with this concern since the days of his youth and is thus one of the best known clothing men in Delaware county. Mr. Wilson is a member of one of the old families of this region. He was born at Muncie in 1876 and is a son of Samuel Ambrose and Kate (Hoover) Wilson, the latter of whom was born at Newcastle, Ind. The late Samuel Ambrose Wilson, a veteran of the Civil war, was born at Eaton, Ohio, and was but a lad when he came to Muncie in 1857 with his parents, Samuel P. Wilson and wife, Elizabeth Q. Wilson, the latter of whom lived to be eighty-nine years of age, her death occurring at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Burson, in 1890. Samuel P. Wilson, a soldier of the War of 1812, was a Virginian, born in 1794, who in the days of his young manhood became a pioneer in Ohio. He lived to be eighty years of age, his death occurring at Muncie in 1874. He and his wife had five children, two sons and three daughters. The other son was Capt. Luther B. Wilson, an officer of the 19th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. The elder daughter, Mary E., married John W. Burson at Eaton in 1851. It was in 1856 that Burson came to Muncie and organized the Muncie branch of the Bank of the State of Indiana, as is set out elsewhere in this work, and in the following year the Wilsons followed and established their home in Muncie. It was thus that Samuel Ambrose Wilson was living here when the Civil war broke out. Though but fifteen years of age he got into the service as a drummer boy in the 19th Indiana volunteer regiment and served until mustered out. He later became employed in the bank of his brother-in-law, John W. Burson, the old branch bank which was converted into the Muncie National Bank, northwest corner of Walnut and Washington streets, and upon the death of Mr. Burson in 1871 he was made cashier of that bank. When the natural gas "boom" came on here in the late '80s Mr. Wilson took an active part in the local development work thus entailed and was the vice president of the first commercial club organized at Muncie, the old Board of Trade, in 1887. He also was one of the organizers of the original water works company in Muncie and in other ways did his part as one of the town "boosters" when affairs here began to move along modern lines. To him and his wife were born three children, of whom the subject of this sketch

was the second in order of birth, the others being Nadine, wife of Channing Ward, and John Wilson (deceased). Reared at Muncie, Edward B. Wilson received his schooling in the local schools and upon leaving high school entered the Keller clothing store as a "cash" boy and started in to learn the business in all its departments. He ever since has been connected with that store, 320-24 South Walnut street, and has gone on up in the service until now he is part owner of the store, a member of the Keller Company, and vice president of the same, this company conducting one of the largest retail clothing stores in eastern Indiana. Mr. Wilson is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1901 Edward B. Wilson was united in marriage to Lillian Schaufelberger, daughter of John and Mary Schaufelberger, of Muncie, and to this union two children have been born, Channing and Mary, the former of whom is now a student in the university at Richmond, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are members of the Presbyterian church. They reside at 804 West Charles street.

WILDIE L. MAITLEN, proprietor of the iron works in North High street, Muncie, which bears his name, was born in Muncie and has lived there all his life, a worker in iron since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Maitlen was born in the year 1865 and is a son of Coleman and Angeline (Higman) Maitlen, the former of whom, in his generation, was one of the best known men in Delaware county. Coleman Maitlen was born in Greene county, Ohio, and after his marriage established his home in Muncie, where he became engaged as a blacksmith and skilled worker in iron. Three times Coleman Maitlen was elected sheriff of Delaware county and thus served three terms in that office, this service covering the years 1873-74 and 1885-89. He and his wife had six children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Mrs. Dr. William Lynch, George C., Anna, Mark L. and Carlton W. Reared at Muncie, Wildie L. Maitlen has been a witness to the development of the industrial interests of that city from the days back in the '70s when it began to "pick up a bit," and from the days of his boyhood has been a part of that development. Upon leaving school he entered his father's blacksmith shop and was there well trained in iron working. In 1906 he became a partner of David Miller in the operations of the iron works which now bears his name and in 1909 succeeded to sole ownership of that establishment, which he since has carried on, and now has a well equipped plant at 400 North High street, where his specialty is the manufacture of ornamental iron work for structural purposes. The character of



WILDIE L. MAITLEN

his work is its own best advertisement of the product of this plant and the Maitlen Iron Works has a well established reputation in the building trades. Wildie L. Maitlen married Eva M. Zearbaugh, daughter of John Zearbaugh, and to this union two children were born, Edward H. and Elgie (deceased). Edward H. Maitlen, a veteran of the World war, studied in the University of Chicago and is an artist. Mr. Maitlen is a Freemason. He and his family reside at 710 West Powers street.

T. F. FITZGIBBON, superintendent of the Muncie city schools, a member of the board of trustees of Hanover College and a member of the board of trustees of the state school for feeble minded youth, has been engaged in educational service in Indiana since the days of his youth, he having begun as a teacher while still in his "teens." Mr. Fitzgibbon was born in the village of Fort Ritner, in Lawrence county, Indiana, July 22, 1861, and is a son of Michael and Anna (Ryan) Fitzgibbon, both of whom were born in Ireland and who were married in New Orleans. Michael Fitzgibbon was a bridge carpenter and not long after his marriage came to Indiana and became a foreman of bridge construction on railroads that then were being constructed throughout southern Indiana. He died in 1867 leaving his widow with four sons, the subject of this sketch having had three brothers, David, John and Edward, of whom the first named is still living. His mother died in July, 1921, at the age of eighty-seven years. T. F. Fitzgibbon was but six years of age when his father died. Just prior to that time his father had moved with his family to a farm in Jackson county and it was on this farm that he grew to manhood, receiving his early schooling in the district schools of Carr township, that county. This he supplemented by two years of attendance on the high school at Leesville, over the line in the neighboring county of Lawrence, riding horseback the six miles to this school. He then began teaching school in the district schools of his home township and was thus engaged for six winters, meantime keeping up his work on the farm during the summers, and then, in 1886, entered the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute and attended that institution continuously for four years, being the first pupil of the state normal school to finish the four-year course. Upon leaving the state normal Mr. Fitzgibbon was elected superintendent of schools at Elwood and continued to serve in that capacity for eleven years, at the end of which time he was called to the superintendency of the Columbus (Ind.) schools, where he served for seventeen years, or until called to the superintendency of the Muncie city

schools in 1918. During the years 1896-7 while serving at Elwood Mr. Fitzgibbon was given leave of absence to extend his studies at Indiana University and in 1897 was given his Bachelor degree by that institution. In 1910 he took a post-graduate course in the University of Chicago. During the years 1912-13 he served as a member of the Indiana Industrial and Agricultural Education Commission, which commission prepared the bill upon which the present Indiana vocational education law is based and which was passed by the legislature in 1913. For fifteen years Mr. Fitzgibbon has been a member of the board of trustees of Hanover College. He also is a member of the board of trustees of the state school for feeble minded youth at Ft. Wayne and for the past three years and more has been a member of the state committee on mental defectives, this committee operating under a law enacted by the Legislature in 1912. He is a Democrat and a Freemason of thirty years standing and has attained to the York Rite (Knights Templar) in that ancient order. In 1891 T. F. Fitzgibbon was united in marriage to Frances A. Moore, of Lebanon, Ind., and to this union two sons have been born, Paul V. and Russell, the latter of whom is now a senior in Hanover College and editor of the college paper. Paul V. Fitzgibbon was graduated from Hanover and is now assistant city editor of the Muncie *Morning Star*. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgibbon are members of the First Presbyterian church. For thirty-two years Mr. Fitzgibbon has been a member of the Presbyterian church, for many years an elder of the church, and is now a member of the session of First church. The Fitzgibbons reside at 47 Orchard Place.

HARRY W. MICHAEL, druggist at Muncie and one of the active figures in the civic affairs of that city, a former member of the common council and former controller of the city, has been a resident of Muncie about ten years. Mr. Michael was born at Logansport, Ind., in 1890, and is a son of John W. and Rosa (Wise) Michael. Reared at Logansport, he received his schooling in the schools of that city and early became interested in the profession of pharmacy. He took the course in the National Institute of Pharmacy at Chicago and in 1914 came to Muncie, establishing here in December of that year his first drug store in the city, at 905 East Willard street. Not long afterward he established a second store, at 327 Olin avenue, and carried on these two establishments until early in 1922, when he concentrated his business in an up-town store, opening his present establishment at 121 South Walnut street on February 22 of that year, and has since been engaged in business at that number, proprietor

of one of the leading drug stores in the city. Mr. Michael is a Democrat and ever since he became a resident of Muncie has taken an active interest in local civic affairs. He served as a member of the city council, later served for four years as a member of the board of works and also for one term served as city controller, this latter term being for two years, 1920 and 1921. Mr. Michael is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He married Lois Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Austin.

CLIFFORD R. HILTY, general building contractor and dealer in real estate and insurance at Muncie, was born at Apollo, Pa., July 27, 1886, and is a son of David L. and Leah (Humphrey) Hilty, both also natives of Pennsylvania, who were former residents of Muncie but who now are living at Parkersburg, W. Va. David L. Hilty is a sheet steel roller and has been connected with the steel mill industries since the days of his young manhood. In 1893 he came to Muncie with his family from Pennsylvania and was here employed for about ten years, or until 1902, when he moved to Chicago. Three years later he returned to Muncie, remaining here until in 1907, when he moved to Parkersburg, where he now resides. Clifford L. Hilty was nine years of age when his parents moved to Muncie and was sixteen when the family moved to Chicago. He was graduated from the East Chicago high school and then became employed in the postoffice there, presently being made deputy postmaster, a position he occupied for three years or until the return of the family to Muncie in 1905. In the next year, 1906, he became employed in the office of the John J. Hartley Agency, real estate and insurance, at Muncie, and was thus engaged until in 1911, when he acquired a half interest in that concern and was made secretary-treasurer of the same. For ten years Mr. Hilty remained thus connected and then in January, 1922, he sold his interest in the agency and became engaged in business in his own behalf with offices over the Columbia Theater, undertaking a general real estate and insurance line and building contracting, the latter line being his specialty. As an index of the success which Mr. Hilty has had in this line, it may be said that in the first year of his operations he turned out no fewer than twenty-four building jobs, these ranging in price from $2,000 to $12,000, and that he finds his business continually growing. Mr. Hilty is a member of the Exchange Club, the Muncie Real Estate Board and the local Fire Insurance Board, is a Freemason and a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he and his wife are members of the High Street Methodist

Episcopal church. In 1912 Clifford R. Hilty was united in marriage to Mary Ellen Adams, daughter of Harry C. and Neva (Brown) Adams, of Muncie, and to this union have been born five children, namely: John Allen, who died in 1921 at the age of eight years; Robert Parker, who died in infancy; James Clifton, born in 1918; Leah Louise, 1920, and Mary Jane.

FRANK E. ALLEN, principal of the Muncie high school and widely known in educational circles throughout this section of Indiana, was born at Summitville, in the neighboring county of Madison, March 11, 1891, and is a son of Alonzo and Almira Jane (Sheets) Allen, both of whom also were born in Indiana and the latter of whom is living. The late Alonzo Allen was reared a farmer and for some time followed that vocation but later became engaged in the mercantile business at Summitville and was thus engaged for many years, or until his death in 1906. Of the children born to him and his wife but two survive, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Ralph E. Allen, who is superintendent of the public schools at Ligonier, Ind. Reared at Summitville, Frank E. Allen attended the high school there and later (in 1910) was graduated from the Randolph county consolidated high school. He supplemented this schooling by a term in the normal school of Manchester College and then began teaching school. For four years he was thus engaged in Randolph county, the last year of this service being spent as principal of one of the county's consolidated schools, meanwhile attending Indiana University, and in 1916 was graduated from this latter institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1924 Mr. Allen received his Master degree from the state university. In the fall of 1916 Mr. Allen was made teacher of mathematics in the high school at Mt. Vernon and in the next year was called to the Newcastle high school as head of the department of mathematics and also was made athletic coach. Two years later he was elected principal of the Newcastle high school and he occupied that position for two years, or until in 1921 when he was appointed principal of the Muncie high school, the position he now occupies, and in which he has very definitely impressed himself upon the activities of this institution in which the people of Muncie take a very proper pride. Mr. Allen is a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Frank E. Allen married Helen A. Dykes, of Middletown, Ind., and he and his wife reside at 210 East Washington street.

EDWIN STANTON JANNEY, general manager of the Thomas Upholstered Furniture Company of Muncie, is a member of one of the old families of Delaware county, both of his parents having been born here, of substantial pioneer stock. Mr. Janney was born on a farm in Washington township, in the house in which his father also was born, April 26, 1879, and is a son of William T. and Hannah E. (McCreery) Janney, the latter of whom also was born in this county, in the New Corner (Gaston) neighborhood, daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Brown) McCreery, the former of whom was born in Carroll county, Ohio, in 1826, and was twelve years of age when he came into Indiana with his parents, Samuel and Elizabeth McCreery, the family settling on a tract of land just south of the present village of Gaston in this county and becoming useful and influential pioneers of that neighborhood, as is set out elsewhere in this work. William T. Janney, a former member of the board of county commissioners of Delaware county, now residing in Muncie, was born on April 17, 1849, and is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Hayden) Janney, the latter of whom was born in Pennsylvania on March 1, 1812, and who died in this county on January 19, 1890. Joseph Janney was born in Stark county, Ohio, November 21, 1811, a son of Amos Janney, a Virginian, who in 1837 moved with his family over into Indiana and settled in Washington township, this county. Joseph Janney established his home in that township and developed a good farm in the then wilderness, and there he spent the remainder of his life, his death occuring on November 19, 1876. To him and his wife were born seven children, four sons and three daughters, so that the Janney connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one. One of these sons, John H. Janney, served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil war, a member of Company B, 36th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, was wounded at the battle of Atlanta and taken prisoner by the enemy, suffering thereafter seven months of imprisonment in the horrid rebel prison pen at Andersonville, and then on his return home at the close of the war fell a victim to the explosion of the ill-fated "Sultana," April 27, 1865. William T. Janney grew up on the home farm in Washington township, finished his schooling in the Muncie schools and after his marriage, June 19, 1873, established his home on the old home farm and there carried on his farming operations for twenty years or until in 1893, when he retired from the farm and moved to Muncie, where he since has made his home, now residing at 500 East Washington street. Upon coming to Muncie Mr. Janney became engaged

in the agricultural implement business and was thus engaged until his election in 1908 to the office of county commissioner, a position of public trust he held for six years. Of the nine children born to William T. and Hannah E. (McCreery) Janney six are still living, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Florence E., Beulah M. and Ada, and two brothers, Carlton R. and Lester Janney, the latter of whom is county surveyor. Edwin Stanton Janney was fourteen years of age when his parents moved to Muncie in 1893 and he was graduated from the Muncie high school in 1898. Upon leaving school he became connected with the operations of the Ball Bros. Glass Manufacturing Company at Muncie and was thus connected for something more than seven years, at the end of which time he transferred his connection to the offices of the Warner Manufacturing Company at Toledo, Ohio, as secretary-treasurer of that company, and was thus connected until in 1918 when he became connected with the Toledo Standard Commutator Company. Two years later, in 1920 Mr. Janney returned to Muncie and later took up his present connection with the operations of the Thomas Upholstered Furniture Company and has since been thus engaged, general manager of the company's affairs, with offices and plant at 2627 South Walnut street. Mr. Janney is a Republican and is a Scottish Rite and Royal Arch Mason, and is also an active member of the Muncie Exchange Club. On June 25, 1902, Edwin Stanton Janney was united in marriage to Gertrude L. Younce, who was born at Hartford City, Ind., daughter of Joseph and Sarah A. (Hyland) Younce. Mr. and Mrs. Janney are members of the First Baptist church. They reside at 310 McCulloch boulevard.

SAMUEL R. GIBSON, one of the proprietors of the old established St. John Cigar Store at 123 East Main street, Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and has resided in this county all his life, a resident of Muncie for more than forty years. Mr. Gibson was born on a farm in Center township, north of Muncie, June 1, 1868, and is a son of George and Eliza J. (Harter) Gibson, both of whom also were born in this county. George Gibson, a member of the pioneer Gibson family of this county, was for many years a farmer in Monroe township and after his retirement from the farm made his home in Muncie. Samuel R. Gibson grew up on the home farm and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools in Monroe and Hamilton townships. When he was about eighteen years of age he left the farm and came to Muncie. He worked for George Davis for six years

and then he began working as a clerk in the A. W. St. John cigar store at Muncie and ever since has been connected with that business, having had a proprietary interest in the business for years. When Mr. St. John died in 1905 the business was continued under the ownership and direction of A. M. Kilgore, Fred and Walter Bartlett and Samuel R. Gibson and was so continued until the withdrawal of the Bartletts, since which time the business has been carried on by Mr. Kilgore and Mr. Gibson, with a well-equipped store at 123 East Main street, one of the oldest established concerns of its kind in eastern Indiana. Mr. Gibson is a Republican and is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Improved Order of Red Men. On August 21, 1897, Samuel R. Gibson was united in marriage to Flora B. Cory, who was born and reared in Muncie, daughter of Willard and Anna Cory, also members of pioneer families in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson reside at 525 East Wysor street.

EVERETT NICHOLS, president of the Nichols Groceteria Company of Muncie, was born at Logansport, Ind., in 1884, and is a son of Frank D. and Alice (Dobson) Nichols, the former of whom was a railway conductor running out of that city on the Pennsylvania Lines. Reared at Logansport, Everett Nichols supplemented the schooling received in the high school by a course in the business college there and then became engaged in railroad work at Laotto in Noble county. Not long afterward he returned to Logansport and was for three or four years employed in the Pennsylvania railway shops in that city. He then (in 1906) went to California and became employed in the airbrakes department of the Southern Pacific shops at Los Angeles, and was thus employed for two years, or until in 1908, when he enlisted for service in the United States navy and thus served as a machinist in the navy for eight years. In 1916 Mr. Nichols came to Muncie and here became engaged in the grocery business at Howard and Council streets, later moving the stock to 120 East Main street. As this business expanded he promoted (in 1920) the organization of the Nichols Groceteria Company, which now owns and operates three grocery stores at Muncie, those besides the parent store on East Main street being well equipped stores at 1700 University avenue and at 217 South Walnut street. Mr. Nichols is president of this company. C. W. Robison is secretary and L. R. Wood is treasurer. Mr. Nichols is a Freemason. He married Gertrude Dustman, of Muncie, and he and his wife have one child, a daughter, Lonetta Joy. They reside at 705 Ashland avenue.

GLEN D. BROWN, director of vocational education in the Muncie city schools and a young school man of wide experience, was born in Howard county, Indiana, April 3, 1891, and is a son of Grant and Delia Ellen (Stack) Brown, the latter of whom was born near the city of Kokomo in that same county. Grant Brown, who now is living retired in Miami county, this state, also was born in Howard county, a son of Jerome Brown, one of the pioneers of that county, and until his retirement was engaged in the general mercantile business. Glen D. Brown was graduated from the Greentown high school and then entered the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute, from which institution he was graduated in 1916. This schooling he later supplemented by a course of post-graduate work at Indiana University. Mr. Brown early devoted himself to the teaching profession and for several years was engaged in teaching in the grade schools of Miami county. He then was made principal of the high school at Deedsville, in Miami county, and then became principal of the West high school at Terre Haute. In the fall of 1917 Mr. Brown was called to Muncie as supervisor of industrial arts in the Muncie city schools and thus came into administrative touch with the work then being carried on here in that department of the schools in connection with local activities related to this country's participation in the World war. He was made assistant director of industrial education in the schools and general director of students in preparation for entrance into the S. A. T. C. at Purdue University. During this period of war activity he also was the chairman of the Delaware County Junior Red Cross and in that capacity did much to extend the work of that helpful relief agency, giving practical direction to the work of his vocational classes in the manufacture of articles designed for the use of soldiers. In April, 1923, Mr. Brown succeeded Mr. Anthony as director of vocational education in the Muncie city schools and is now rendering service in that capacity, this department, in addition to the practical arts course in the day school, including one of the best systems of evening schools in the state. Mr. Brown is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the local Kiwanis Club, and is also a Knights Templar Mason, his work in Freemasonry carrying also into the capitular and cryptic degrees of that ancient order, the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons and the council of Royal and Select Masters. On December 24, 1916, Glen D. Brown was united in marriage to Suzette Willcutts, who was born at Greentown, Ind., daughter of William and Emma (Galloway) Willcutts, and to this

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union two children have been born, Mary Ellen and Glen David Brown, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. They reside at 812 West North street, Riverside. Both in his college work and during the time of his teaching experience Mr. Brown took an active part in athletics and since coming to Muncie he has been a member of the athletic board of control of Central high school, and is an active supporter of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. As a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association he has served on various committees of that body having to do with industrial and vocational education.

WILLIAM F. EPPARDS, house mover and contractor for heavy hauling at Muncie, is a native of the old Blue Grass state but has been a resident of Indiana since the days of his boyhood and of Muncie for more than thirty years, having come here about the height of the gas "boom" back in the early '90s. Mr. Eppards was born in the city of Lexington, Ky., July 15, 1861, and was early orphaned, both of his parents dying when he was a small child. He then was taken into the home of his grandmother at Louisville and there remained until he was twelve years of age when he started out "on his own" to make a living. When eighteen years of age he went to Indianapolis and became engaged there as a gardener. In the spring of 1880 he began working there with the J. Q. Adams house-moving outfit and was thus engaged for ten years, or until in 1890, when he came to Muncie seeking advantage of the industrial stir being created here at that time by the opening of the natural gas field. Some years later he established himself in the house-moving and heavy hauling business here and has ever since been thus engaged, one of the most widely known contractors of this sort in eastern Indiana, his work as a house mover, rigger and handler of heavy machinery, smokestacks and the like being called for in a wide area throughout Indiana and Ohio, and indeed as far east as Atlantic City, he having a practical monopoly of the heavy hauling business in and about Muncie, for he has for years carried special equipment for that line of work. Of late years Mr. Eppards' son, Charles E. Eppards, has been associated with him in this business. Mr. Eppards is a Republican and is a 32° (Scottish Rite) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. William F. Eppards has been twice married. His first wife, Ange-

line Harris, died leaving three children, Francis, Christina and William (deceased). By his second wife, Nettie Dellinger, Mr. Eppards has two children, Charles E. and Mary Emily. The Eppards reside at 2109 South Madison street. Charles E. Eppards, mentioned above as being associated with his father in business at Muncie, married Celia Pugh and has one child, a daughter, Muriel.

THOMAS A. YINGLING, who until recently and for thirty years had been engaged in the grocery business in Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. Mr. Yingling was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Yorktown, in Mt. Pleasant township, September 29, 1873, and is a son of Alfred and Mary Yingling, both of whom were born in Germany and whose last days were spent in this county. Alfred Yingling, who for years was engaged in the milling business at Yorktown and who also owned a farm near that place, where he made his home, was but five years of age when he came to this country with his parents, the family locating at Cincinnati and later at Connersville, Ind., where Alfred Yingling became employed in a woolen mill and where he married. In the late '60s he came with his family to this county and bought the old woolen mill at Yorktown, in connection with which there also was operated a sawmill, and became engaged there in the milling business, which vocation he followed the remainder of his life, also developing a farm in that neighborhood. His widow survived him for years, her death occurring at Yorktown on December 22, 1921. They were the parents of twelve children, six of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Elizabeth, Mayme and Zetta, and two brothers, Charles E. and Frank Yingling. Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Yorktown, Thomas A. Yingling received his schooling in the schools of that place and until he was seventeen years of age assisted in the labors of the farm and the mill. He then came to Muncie and became driver for a delivery wagon out of the Hickman Bros. grocery store. For nine years he was connected with this store, thus acquiring a close acquaintance with all details of the grocery business and then, in association with Mr. Scott, became engaged in business on his own account, conducting a grocery store under the firm name of Scott & Yingling. Eight years later he sold his interest in this business and decided to take up farming, but not long afterward resumed merchandising and bought a grocery in the Arcade building on East Main street. He presently sold that place and started another store on West Main street and was there in business until in 1921, when he bought the

Devinney store at the corner of High and West Washington street and was engaged in business there, with a well stocked and well equipped place, until he sold the store on November 2, 1923. Mr. Yingling is a Democrat and is affiliated with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Thomas A. Yingling married Melissa Stoops, daughter of John and Lorinda Stoops, and to this union one child was born, a son, Robert S. Yingling, who in time became associated with his father in business and who died on November 6, 1922, at the age of twenty-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Yingling are members of the Presbyterian church.

B. D. GLASCOCK, of the firm of J. W. and B. D. Glascock, dealers in coal at Muncie, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Muncie since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Glascock was born at Hillsboro, Ohio, in 1872, and is a son of the Rev. Benjamin and Catherine (Kinsell) Glascock, the latter of whom was born in the state of Ohio. Rev. Benjamin Glascock was born in Culpeper county, Virginia, a son of Daniel Glascock, and was but a lad when his parents located at Hillsboro. The Rev. Benjamin Glascock located in Muncie in 1887. He and his wife had five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last born, the others being Charles O., Sarah, wife of James McClellan, Seth T. and John W. Glascock. As will be noted by a comparison of above dates, B. D. Glascock was fifteen years of age when he came to Muncie with his parents in 1887. He completed his schooling in the schools of this city and was for some time afterward connected with the wholesale grocery trade in the city, later becoming associated with his brothers, Charles O. and John W. Glascock. In 1892 the Glascock Bros. Manufacturing Company established at Muncie a factory for the manufacture of washing machines and juvenile novelties. In 1907, a year following the death of Charles O. Glascock, the other brothers, J. W. and B. D. Glascock disposed of that concern and organized their coal business, with ample and well equipped yards at Liberty and Second streets, one of the oldest established coal yards in the city. Mr. Glascock is a Freemason and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. B. D. Glascock married Marietta Angel, daughter of the Rev. William P. Angel, a former pastor of the Friends' church at Muncie, and has one child, a daughter, Elizabeth, who is now a student in DePauw University. J. W. Glascock married Mary Lieb and has three children, sons all, Hardin R., Fred L. and John Lewis, the two elder of whom are veterans of the World war, Fred L. Glascock having served as a surgeon with the rank of

a second lieutenant. The B. D. Glascocks reside at 45 Orchard Place. J. W. Glascock is now living at Beverly Hills, Cal.

ALBERT J. GLASER, general building contractor at Muncie and a veteran of the World war with an overseas record and an officer's commission, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Muncie since the days of his childhood. Mr. Glaser was born in the village of St. Peters in the vicinity of Brookville, in Franklin county, Indiana, July 18, 1888, and is a son of Michael and Cecilia (Ertel) Glaser, both of whom were born in that same county and the latter of whom is still living, now residing at the corner of Madison and Sixth streets, Muncie. The late Michael Glaser, who for years was a building contractor at Muncie, was born in the village of St. Peters and was a son of Fred Glaser, an Alsatian, who had come to this country in the days of his young manhood and who after a sometime stay in New Orleans came up into Indiana and after his marriage established his home at St. Peters, where he became a mason and builder. Michael Glaser grew up to the building trade and followed that vocation all his life. After his marriage he made his home at Batesville, Ind., and was engaged there as a building contractor until in 1892, when he became attracted to the possibilities then opening out in Muncie in the building trades consequent upon the development which followed the opening of the natural gas field here, and moved with his family to Muncie. Here he etsablished himself in business as a building contractor and here he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on January 5, 1911. He was a member of the Catholic church, as is his widow, and their children were reared in that faith. There are five of these children, the subject of this sketch having a sister and three brothers. Albert J. Glaser was four years of age when he came to Muncie with his parents in 1892. He received his early schooling in St. Lawrence's parochial school, supplemented this by attendance on the normal school at Muncie and then took a special course in the Lewis Institute at Chicago, following this by a special course in the Chicago School of Architecture, and then returned to Muncie as an able assistant in the building operations of his father. Upon the death of his father Mr. Glaser continued the business and has since been thus engaged, both as an architect and building contractor, and is doing well, with offices at 616 South Mulberry street. One of his notable local contracts was the building of the Elks club house at Muncie, one of the best club houses of the kind in Indiana. During the time of this country's participation in the World war Mr. Glaser rendered mili-

tary service in the aviation section of the army. He entered service on January 2, 1918, and was assigned to Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., whence he presently was transferred to Mitchell Field (Long Island) and assigned to the United States Air Service. On February 23, 1918, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and shortly after with his command was placed in overseas service, this service being rendered in various fields in England until his discharge on December 24, 1918, the war then being over. Mr. Glaser is a member of the local post of the American Legion and of the post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and is affiliated with the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. On May 1, 1912, Albert J. Glaser was united in marriage to Ethel Mary Scott, daughter of Jesse and Mary (Richardson) Scott, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Ruth Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Glaser are members of St. Lawrence's Catholic church.

CHARLES G. HOFER, proprietor of the meat market at 103 North High street, Muncie, has been a resident of Muncie for nearly twenty years and has been engaged in the retail meat business all of this time. Mr. Hofer was born at Ft. Wayne, Ind., December 6, 1874, and is a son of Andrew and Christina (Brish) Hofer, the latter of whom is still living at Ft. Wayne. The late Andrew Hofer was a native of Switzerland who some time after he came to this country became engaged in the retail meat business at Ft. Wayne, where he spent the remainder of his life. Charles G. Hofer grew up at Ft. Wayne, received his schooling in the schools of that city and in his father's butcher shop early became familiar with the details of the retail meat trade. He married there and continued to make that city his place of residence until in 1905 when he came to Muncie and established himself in business in the meat trade in partnership with his brother, Edward Hofer, at 220 South Walnut street. They later added two more markets and in 1916 dissolved partnership. Not long afterward Mr. Hofer moved into his present quarters at 103 North High street, where he has since continued in business, with an up-to-date and well-equipped establishment known as the Charles Hofer Meat Market. Mr. Hofer is a member of the Knights of Pythias order. He and his family reside at 907 West Main street. Mrs. Hofer (Irma Miller) also was born at Ft. Wayne. Mr. and Mrs. Hofer have two children, a son, Carl L. Hofer, and a daughter, Catherine C. Mr. Hofer is the second in order of birth of the seven children born to his parents, he having three sisters, Rose, Anna and Mamie, and three brothers, Edward, Frank and Albert Hofer.

THOMAS L. MOORE, purchasing agent for the Muncie Products Company at Muncie, was born at Lawrenceburg, Ind., in 1883, and is a son of David and Elizabeth (Evans) Moore, both of whom were of European birth, the latter born in Bedfordshire, England. She was but a child when she came to this country with her parents, the family locating at Ironton, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood and was married. David Moore was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and was but a lad when he came to this country with his parents, David (Sr.) and Margaret Moore, this family also locating at Ironton, where he grew to manhood. After their marriage the junior David Moore and his wife came over into Indiana and were for some time residents of Lawrenceburg, but presently moved back into Ohio and established their home at Hamilton. It was thus that though born at Lawrenceburg, in Indiana, Thomas L. Moore was reared at Hamilton, in Ohio. He received his schooling in the schools of that city and early became interested in the mechanical trades, starting out as a pattern maker in the plant of the Estate Stove Company at Hamilton. He later took up moulding and was for several years thus engaged, becoming an expert foundryman. Mr. Moore remained with the Estate Stove Company until in 1911, when he came to Muncie as purchasing agent for the T. W. Warner Company, and has since been a resident of this city, now purchasing agent for the Muncie Products Company. Mr. Moore is a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and is also a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Baptist church.

FRED G. NICHOLS, who a little more than twenty years ago entered the offices of the Indiana Steel and Wire Company at Muncie as a clerk and is now the general superintendent of the plant of that concern, is a native Hoosier and has resided in this state all his life with the exception of a period during the days of his young manhood when he was employed in railway service in the West. Mr. Nichols was born in the pleasant village of Lynn, in the neighboring county of Randolph, in 1868, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Gray) Nichols, the former of whom was a soldier of the Union during the time of the Civil war. Reared at Lynn, Fred G. Nichols received his schooling in the schools of that village and early learned the art of telegraphy. After working awhile in his home railway station he went West and became employed as an operator for the Union Pacific Railroad Company at River Bend, Colo., and was thus employed for some time. Upon his return to Indiana he resumed employment with the old Grand Rapids & Indiana road and was

presently stationed at Winchester, where he remained for eleven years or until in 1902, when he came to Muncie and entered the employ of the Indiana Steel and Wire Company, where he ever since has been engaged. Mr. Nichols first became employed in this concern as a clerk and by successive stages of promotion has been advanced until now he is general superintendent of the plant, a position he has occupied since 1907. Mr. Nichols is a Freemason of high degree and also is a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and is an active supporter of the Young Men's Christian Association. Fred G. Nichols married Minnie Johnson, daughter of Thomas Johnson, and he and his wife have two children, Marvin and Kathryn, the latter of whom married L. D. Shreeve and has two children, Walton and Marjorie. Marvin Nichols married Lucile Vatet and has one child, a daughter, Lucile. Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Nichols are members of the Presbyterian church. They also are members of the Country Club. Their home is pleasantly situated on the Burlington pike not far out of town.

JERRY A. GALLIVAN, president of the J. A. Gallivan Company, general plumbers and heating equipment and dealers in paints at Muncie, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Muncie for the past thirty years or more. Mr. Gallivan was born in the fine old city of Bellefontaine, Ohio, and is a son of Maurice and Mary (Kirby) Gallivan, natives of Ireland, who in 1892 became residents of Muncie. Another of their sons is H. R. Gallivan, former chief of the Muncie fire department. J. A. Gallivan, or "Jerry" as he is better known among his friends, received his schooling in Bellefontaine, where he was reared. When the family moved to Muncie in 1892 he entered the plumbing establishment of T. P. Kirby and there became thoroughly trained in the details of this business and in due time became engaged in business on his own account, his present organization, the J. A. Gallivan Company, Inc., having been established in 1900. This concern is admirably situated at 314 East Main street and is well equipped to take care of all calls in its line. In addition to its general plumbing and heating business the Gallivan company carries a complete stock of paints. Among the important plumbing installations it has made are those in the Delaware Hotel, in the McNaughton block, at the county infirmary and in the plants of numerous factories about town. In 1907 Jerry Gallivan was united in marriage to Alice E. McCormick and he and his wife have one child, a son, John Roger Gallivan. Mr. and Mrs. Gallivan are

members of St. Lawrence's Catholic church and Mr. Gallivan is a member of the local council of the Knights of Columbus. The Gallivans reside at 417 South Monroe street.

JOHN ROLLIN MARSH, secretary and chief engineer of the Indiana Bridge Company, a member of the Muncie board of public works, a former member of the library board and of the park board and for years an active factor in the civic and industrial life of Muncie, is a native son of that city and has lived there all his life. Mr. Marsh was born in Muncie on January 13, 1863, and is a son of John and Mary (Mitchell) Marsh, who had located at Muncie in 1856, coming here from Cambridge City, and whose last days were spent here, the former dying in 1887 and the latter in 1899. John Marsh, concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work, was a pioneer banker in Muncie and a man of large influence in his generation. He was born in Preble county, Ohio, August 22, 1811, and was a son of Timothy and Mary (Clawson) Marsh, the latter of whom was a daughter of John Clawson, a Kentuckian, who had served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Timothy Marsh was a son of John Marsh, a native of England, who also had rendered service in behalf of the colonists in the War of the Revolution and who had settled in the Germantown settlement in what now is Montgomery county, Ohio. John Marsh, the grandson of this Revolutionary soldier, learned the hatter's trade at Eaton, county seat of Preble county, and then became engaged in that business at Camden, in that same county, later becoming a general dry goods merchant. In 1847 he was elected treasurer of Preble county and by re-election occupied that office for six years. He also was a director of the Eaton branch of the Ohio State Bank. In 1854 he became president of the branch bank at Cambridge City, Ind., and two years later, in 1856, became president of the Muncie branch of the Bank of the State of Indiana and moved to Muncie, thus being engaged in the banking business here during the Civil war period. When this bank was nationalized in 1865 he continued as president and was so occupied until his retirement in 1874. When the Citizens National Bank of Muncie was organized in 1875 he became cashier of that institution and so continued until his death in 1887. John Rollin Marsh was reared at Muncie and at the age of sixteen, in 1879, was graduated from the high school. Upon leaving school he became employed as a deputy in the office of the county clerk and later rendered a similar service in the office of the county recorder, gaining during these several years of public service an experience which has

ever been valuable to him. In the meanwhile he had been giving attention to preparatory studies in mining engineering and in 1883 entered the School of Mines of Columbia University, and in 1887 was graduated from that institution. Upon receiving his degree Mr. Marsh returned to Muncie and on August 1 following entered the service of the Indiana Bridge Company as chief engineer, a title he ever since has held in connection with the operations of that enterprise. In the next year (1888) Mr. Marsh became a stockholder in the Indiana Bridge Company and was elected secretary of the company, a position he ever since has occupied, and thus for more than thirty-five years has been an active adminstrative factor in the development of the business which that important industrial enterprise has built up. Beginning in the days of his young manhood, with his service in the court house, Mr. Marsh has ever taken a good citizen's part in local public affairs. He was a member of the library board at the time the present handsome public library building was erected; was secretary of the park board when the city took over and began to develop McCulloch park, and is now rendering further public service as a member of the city board of public works. He is a Freemason of many years standing and has attained to the capitular degree in that ancient body. He and his family are members of the First Presbyterian church, of the congregation of which he is one of the ruling elders. On August 5, 1889, John Rollin Marsh was united in marriage to Susan D. Ryan, who was born at Winamac, Ind., daughter of John W. and Lida (Jenkins) Ryan, the former of whom (now deceased) was in his generation one of the leading lawyers of Muncie. Mrs. Marsh is ex-president of the local Anti-Tuberculosis League. For years she has taken an influential part in the work of the local Federated Club of Clubs, with particular reference to the activities of the Muncie Art Students League and the Muncie Art Association and has long been recognized as a leader in local art circles. To her suggestion is credited the inception and creation of Memorial Drive and the planting of trees in memory of the soldiers of Delaware county who gave their lives in the World war. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh have five children: Mildred, John Rodney, Carleton J., Alida M. and Dorothy M., the latter of whom recently was graduated from the Muncie high school. Alida M. Marsh also is a graduate of the Muncie high school and is now pursuing art studies in Chicago. John Rodney Marsh, a contracting engineer for the Indiana Bridge Company, is a veteran of the World war, having served as a first lieutenant in the navy, in the submarine service, and is a mem-

ber of the local post of the American Legion. He was graduated from Purdue University. Carleton J. Marsh, who is now connected with the drafting department of the Indiana Bridge Company, was a student at Purdue University during the time of this country's participation in the World war and rendered service in the S. A. T. C. of that institution. He married Frances E. Pace. Mildred Marsh married George J. Hawk, now living at Los Angeles, Cal., and has one child, a son, Marshall S. Hawk.

CHARLES P. MORROW, a well established building contractor at Muncie and a resident of that city for nearly thirty years, is a native Hoosier and has been a resident of this state all his life. Mr. Morrow was born in the city of Indianapolis on July 27, 1867, and is a son of Thomas E. and Elizabeth A. (Pritchard) Morrow, the latter of whom was born at Dayton, Ohio, her parents having located there upon coming West from Connecticut. Thomas E. Morrow, who was a member of the contracting firm of Pierce & Morgan which erected the Delaware county courthouse, was a veteran of the Civil war. He was born at Piqua, Ohio, a son of Thomas Morrow, a Pennsylvanian, born in 1804, who when the Miami & Erie canal was being constructed in the late '30s and early '40s of the past century became engaged as a contractor on that great state work and in that capacity built a large number of the locks erected on that work, later establishing his home at Piqua, where he was long engaged in the general contracting business, a line in which has son, the junior Thomas Morrow, followed him. Thomas E. Morrow was engaged working as a builder at Indianapolis when the Civil war came on. He returned to his home at Piqua and enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union, going out with a Piqua command, Company F of the 11th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for nearly four years. After his marriage he established his home at Indianapolis, where he became superintendent of construction of the contracting firm of Pierce & Morgan, giving particular attention to the erection of public buildings, and was thus connected when this firm was given the contract for the erection of the Delaware county courthouse in the middle '80s, a story that is set out elsewhere in this work. It was thus that his son, Charles P. Morrow, grew up familiar with construction work, a line which he has followed, even as his father and grandfather followed it, specializing in public buildings and large contracts. It was in 1895, the year of his marriage, that Charles P. Morrow established his home at Muncie. In the next year he became established here as a building contractor and has ever

since been thus engaged, during this time having erected some of the most conspicuous buildings in Muncie, as well as school houses throughout this and adjacent counties, among these buildings being the postoffice, the public library, the electric power plant building, the Columbia Theater building and many others in Muncie. It was on June 5, 1895, that Charles P. Morrow was united in marriage to Anna Mary Gorman, a bookkeeper, who was born and reared at Evansville, daughter of Michael and Anne (Keyhoe) Gorman. To this union three children have been born, Elizabeth, Grace and Thomas, the former of whom married S. N. Tomsen, of Chicago, now living in Philadelphia, and has two daughters, Anna and Catherine. Mr. and Mrs. Morrow are members of St. Lawrence's Catholic church and Mr. Morrow is a member of the local council of the Knights of Columbus. The Morrows reside at 1126 East Main street.

DR. ROBERT T. MILLER, dental surgeon at Muncie, where he has been located for the past twenty years and more, was born at Morris, Ill., March 21, 1881, and is a son of William M. and Julia (Grant) Miller, the latter of whom also was born in Illinois. William M. Miller, who is now engaged in the live stock commission business at Chicago, was born in New York state but was reared in Illinois, to which state his parents moved when he was a child. He became an expert accountant and for some years followed that line, making his home at Morris, but in 1889 moved with his family to Chicago, where he since has made his home. To him and his wife were born five children, Doctor Miller being the third of these in order of birth. Robert T. Miller was but a lad when he went to Chicago with his parents in 1889, and he grew to manhood there. He was graduated from the Hyde Park high school in 1900 and then entered the Dental College of Northwestern University, from which he was graduated in May, 1903. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor Miller was appointed one of the college clinical demonstrators and he was thus engaged until in the following September, when he came to Muncie and opened an office for the practice of his profession. This office was in the Neely block, and he remained there until in 1919, when he occupied his present suite, 402 the Wysor building, where he is well established, his equipment including an X-ray apparatus. Doctor Miller is a member of the Muncie Dental Association, which he has served as president. He also is a member of the East Central (Indiana) Dental Association, of which for four years he was secretary, and a member of the Indiana State Dental Association and the American Dental Association. He is a Scottish Rite and Knight Templar Ma-

son and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with the Temple at Ft. Wayne, and is also affiliated with the college fraternity Psi Omega (dental) and the high school fraternity Gamma Sigma. A Republican in his general political views, he is inclined to "independence" in local civic affairs. In 1907 Dr. Robert T. Miller was united in marriage to Virginia Claypool, of Muncie, daughter of Frank J. Claypool, concerning whom further and fitting mention is made elsewhere in this work, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Robert T. Miller, Jr. Doctor Miller and his family reside at 611 East Washington street.

HARRY H. ORR, of the law firm of Orr & Clark, with offices in the Western Reserve building at Muncie, was born at Muncie on December 14, 1881, and is a son of William Walter and Mary L. (Helm) Orr, the latter of whom, daughter of Dr. John Helm, who in his generation was one of Muncie's best known physicians, is still living in Muncie. The late William Walter Orr, a soldier of the Union during the Civil war and formerly and for many years a member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court, was born on a farm in Liberty township, October 18, 1846, and was a son of Samuel Orr, one of the pioneers of that township, and in his generation one of Delaware county's foremost citizens. Samuel Orr was born in Ohio, a son of James Orr, who came to Indiana with his family in 1838, and settled in what is now the Selma neighborhood in Liberty township, this county. James Orr was a substantial pioneer and his sons, Joseph and Samuel, took lands in the same neighborhood, the Orrs thus becoming early recognized as among the influential factors in the development of that part of the county. Samuel Orr represented this county in the Legislature (1847-50) and when the Civil war broke out took an active part in recruiting local forces, went to the front and rose to be lieutenant colonel of the 84th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He died in 1876. His elder son, James H. Orr, also took an active part in service during the Civil war and was mustered out at the end of the war as captain of Company K of the 84th regiment. The younger son, William Walter Orr, was not yet fifteen years of age when the war broke out. He early sought to enlist but on account of his lack of years was rejected and presently "ran away" and got into the army despite regulations and rendered service as a private in Company G of the 134th Indiana. Upon the completion of his military service William Walter Orr returned home and not long afterward decided to leave the farm and seek his fortune in the county seat town. He studied law in the office of Judge Walter March

and in 1872 was admitted to the bar. After his marriage he established his permanent home at Muncie and there continued active in the practice of his profession until his retirement in 1916. His death occurred while on a visit of recreation at Harbor Springs, Mich., September 2, 1918. He was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian church, as is his widow. To William W. and Mary (Helm) Orr were born three children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Margaret, wife of Robert O. Burt, of Muncie, and William Walter Orr, Jr., also of Muncie. Harry H. Orr was reared at Muncie and upon completing the course in the local schools, entered Indiana University, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1903, his studies having been directed with particular reference to entering the practice of law. Upon leaving the university Mr. Orr entered the Indiana Law School at Indianapolis and was graduated from that institution in 1904. In that same year he was admitted to practice at the bar of the Delaware circuit court, in the Indiana supreme court and in the Federal court. He entered practice as a partner in his father's law office, under the firm name of Orr & Orr, and this mutually agreeable arrangement was maintained until his father's retirement in 1916, when he effected a partnership with Ray W. Clark, the firm since then practicing under the name of Orr & Clark. In 1906 Harry H. Orr was united in marriage to Harrye Branham, then living at Evansville, who was born in Rockport, Ind., and to this union three children have been born, Margaret Caroline, Hal Branham and Robert William. Mr. and Mrs. Orr are Republicans and Presbyterians and Mr. Orr is a Freemason.

CARSON M. MANN, former trustee of Niles township and a substantial farmer and landowner of that township, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life with the exception of some years spent in Adams county, this state. Mr. Mann was born on the old Mann home place at Albany on April 20, 1860, and is a son of Isaac and Mary L. (Krohn) Mann, the latter of whom also was born at Albany, a daughter of William F. and Maria (Pendroy) Krohn, who had come over here from Ohio and had become pioneers of the Albany settlement. The late Isaac Mann, who for many years was widely known hereabout as a lightning-rod agent and a well-to-do farmer and landowner, was born in the lower part of Fayette county, Ohio, not far from Leesburg, June 12, 1834, and was but an infant when in the next year (1835) his parents, Warner and Nancy (Pavey) Mann, came over here and settled on an unimproved tract in

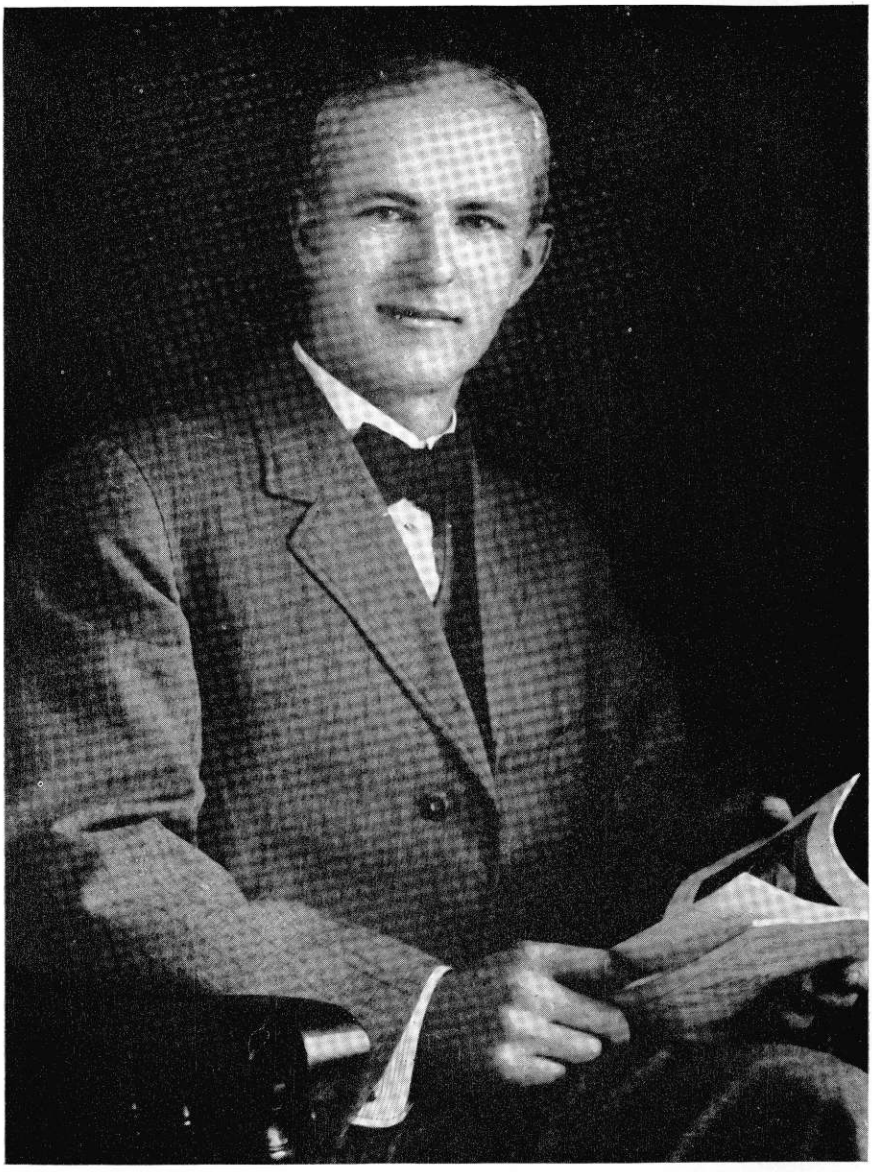
Niles township, this county. Warner Mann was a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Blades) Mann, natives of Delaware, who had settled in the Leesburg neighborhood in Ohio and who in 1833 came over into Indiana and settled on an "eighty" in the Albany neighborhood in this county, and it was thus that two years later Warner Mann also came over here and became a settler in Delaware county. Warner Mann was reared a Quaker. His wife (Nancy Pavey) was a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Pavey, the former of whom was a Methodist minister. Religious differences seemed to offer an insuperable barrier to the marriage of the young couple, but they found a way out when one night Nancy was helped out of an upstairs window of her home by Warner and the twain soon became one. Upon coming over here Warner Mann bought a quarter section of land that had been entered by John Boots and settled down. He later took over a tract in what in time was included within the limits of the town of Albany and became one of the forceful figures in the development of that section of the county. He died at the early age of forty-four in the year 1849, and his widow survived him for many years, she having been eighty-four years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of three daughters and four sons and the Mann connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one. Isaac Mann, one of these sons, grew up on the home farm and in time became a farmer and landowner in his own right. He married at the age of twenty-five (in 1859) and established his home at Albany, where he spent the remainder of his life, looking after his farming interests and also for years engaged in the sale of lightning rods, thus gaining a wide acquaintance hereabout. He died in 1911 and his widow survived him for five years, her death occurring in 1916. Of the children born to Isaac Mann and wife, seven grew to maturity, those besides the subject of this sketch being Mary, Anna, Amelda, William, Gustina and Thomas P. Reared on the home farm at Albany, Carson M. Mann supplemented the schooling received in the local schools by a course in the old normal school (now the university) at Valparaiso and for five years was engaged during the winters in teaching school, four years in this county and one year in Adams county. Following his marriage in the spring of 1884, Mr. Mann settled on a farm of eighty acres he had bought in Adams county, and there made his home for eight years, at the end of which time he traded his farm there for a farm of 100 acres in Niles township, this county, the place on which he is now living, and has since resided in this county. Since taking possession of this place, Mr.

Mann has made numerous improvements on the place and has added to his holdings until now he has a well improved farm of 160 acres. Mr. Mann is a Republican and for six years (1909-15) served the public as trustee of Niles township. He is a member of the Bethel Methodist Episcopal church of Niles township and is an Odd Fellow. It was on March 27, 1884, that Carson M. Mann was united in marriage to Anna E. Read, who died in 1921. Mrs. Mann was born in the neighboring county of Randolph, a daughter of Cyrus and Sarah (Lawrance) Read, who had come over into Indiana from Greene county, Ohio. To Carson M. and Anna E. (Read) Mann were born four children, Mary, Read, Celia Opal (deceased) and Emma, the latter of whom was graduated from Indiana University and was for some time a teacher in the public schools of this county. She also served for a year as the secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association at Steubenville, Ohio, and for a like period as secretary of the association at Johnstown, Pa. Mary Mann was graduated from DePauw University and is now a teacher in a college for women in southern China. Read Mann also was graduated from DePauw University and is now giving his attention to the operations of the home farm. He is a veteran of the World war, having served for about six months in Company B of the Plymouth Division of the 12th Brigade.

DR. RUSSEL E. COLE, physician, and pathologist of the Home Hospital, Muncie, and a veteran of the World war, was born at Fredericktown, in Knox county, Ohio, in 1879, and is a son of W. W. and Alice (Auten) Cole, both of whom also were born in that same county, the latter a daughter of Jacob Auten, who had come to Ohio from Pennsylvania. W. W. Cole was a son of Henry Cole, who was born in Connecticut, and to him and his wife were born seven children, those besides Doctor Cole being Edna, Evan, Arden, Myra, Beulah and Harold. Arden Cole is superintendent of schools at Darby, Mont. Russel E. Cole early turned his attention to the study of medicine and in due course matriculated at the old Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, and following his graduation from that institution, became engaged in practice in the village of Democracy in his home county, presently moving from there to Newcastle, Ind. Doctor Cole continued in practice at Newcastle until in 1914, when he moved to Muncie, where he since has resided. Upon locating here Doctor Cole opened a private laboratory for pathological research and after awhile was selected as pathologist for the Home Hospital, a publicly supported institution at Muncie, and has since

been thus engaged. During the time of this country's participation in the World war, Doctor Cole rendered service in the Medical Corps of the army with rank of first lieutenant, stationed first at the Yale Army Laboratory School at New Haven, Conn., and later in the soldier's hospital (No. 35) at West Baden, Ind. In 1908, at Democracy, Ohio, Dr. Russel E. Cole was united in marriage to Lulu M. Popham, of that place, daughter of Rosa Popham, and to this union three children have been born, Lowell, Auten and Rosemary. Doctor Cole is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and he and Mrs. Cole are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They reside at 431 West Howard street. He is affiliated with the American Medical Association, the Society of American Bacteriologists, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, the Indiana State Medical Association, the Delaware-Blackford (counties) Medical Society and the Muncie Academy of Medicine.

H. WALTER JONES, president of the T. J. Ault Company, commission merchants at Muncie, has been a resident of Muncie for nearly thirty years and has had a wide experience in the grocery and general produce business. Mr. Jones was born in Hartford County, Maryland, in 1874, and is a son of Charles and Laura Jones. He completed his schooling at the West Nottingham (Md.) Academy and at the age of eighteen years went to Farina, Ill., where he became engaged in the grain business and also became a dealer in general produce, with particular reference to fruit and poultry. He presently became connected with the maintenance of way department of the Illinois Central Railway Company and when twenty-one years of age, in 1895, located at Muncie, where he ever since has made his home. Not long after his arrival here Mr. Jones became engaged in the grocery business, opening a store at the corner of Walnut and Adams streets, and was thus engaged until in 1920, when he and his present associates purchased the old-established produce and commission house of the T. J. Ault Company at High and Seymour streets and he since has been giving his whole attention to the affairs of that concern, of which he is the president and general manager. Henry Kuehner is the vice president of this company, Fred Jones is the treasurer and F. Bernard is the secretary. On September 21, 1895, at Farina, Ill., H. Walter Jones was united in marriage to Katherine Richardson, of that place, and to this union two children have been born, Charles R. and Laura C., the latter of whom has made a specialty of the study of music and art at Northwestern University, Chicago. Charles R. Jones is a grad-



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uate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and is now associated with his father in business. Mr. Jones is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and he and his wife are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. They reside at 615 West Charles street.

LYCURGUS J. PARVIS, president of the Muncie Pattern Works and a veteran pattern maker of many years' experience, was born in the pleasant old village of Metamora in Franklin county, Indiana, January 17, 1863, and is a son of Jonathan and Marietta (Sullenberger) Parvis, the latter of whom was born in Virginia and was but a child when she came to Indiana with her parents, the family settling in Franklin county. Jonathan Parvis also was born in Virginia. As a young man he came to Indiana and located at Metamora, where he presently married and became engaged in the butcher business. He later moved with his family to Brookville and the later years of his life were given over to salesmanship. To him and his wife were born six children, all of whom are living save one, Luetta, the subject of this sketch, having four sisters, Inez, Elizabeth, Azella and Harriet. Lycurgus J. Parvis was but a boy when his parents moved to Brookville, county seat of Franklin county, and in the schools of that city he completed his schooling. He early learned the cabinet maker's trade and for some time followed that vocation, or until his marriage when he became engaged as a pattern maker, a vocation he ever since has followed. Mr. Parvis was employed as a pattern maker in various towns throughout the country until in 1911, when he came to Muncie to take employment in a local pattern shop. Ever since then he has made his home here. He continued working at his trade until in 1921, when he organized the Muncie Pattern Works, was elected president of the controlling company and has ever since been the head of that concern, which has a well equipped factory and establishment at 1714 South High street. The Muncie Pattern Works carries on a general business in its line, its products including both wood and metal patterns, and the character of these products has created for it a wide market. Lycurgus J. Parvis has been twice married. On April 19, 1885, he was united in marriage to Cora Stewart, who was born in Richmond, Ind., daughter of Joseph and Joanna (Dill) Stewart, and to that union were born four children, Chester (deceased), one who died in infancy, and Ray Stewart Parvis and Paul J. Parvis. The mother of these children died in 1905 and on January 19, 1907, Mr. Parvis married Mrs. Gertrude (Swift) Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Parvis are

Republicans. He is a member of the order of Knights of Pythias and she is a member of the Pythian Sisters. Mrs. Parvis was born at Metamora, Ind., and is a daughter of Taylor and Lydia (Gross) Swift. Ray Stewart Parvis, general manager of the Muncie Pattern Works, married Josephine Wray, of Muncie, and has one child, a son, Ray Lewis. Paul J. Parvis, who also is connected with the operations of the Muncie Pattern Works, is a veteran of the World war with an overseas record. He served from June 28, 1917, to August 14, 1919, and participated in some of the major campaigns in France, including the battles at Chateau Thierry, Soissons, the Argonne, Champaign and St. Mihiel.

ROY M. FRIEDLEY, a member of the common council of the city of Muncie, and a well established realtor, for twenty years a resident of Muncie, is a native son of Indiana and has lived in this state all his life. Mr. Friedley was born on a farm in the vicinity of the picturesque old village of Laconia in Harrison county, June 13, 1877, and is a son of Jacob F. and Anna M. (Williar) Friedley, who are now living in the Royerton neighborhood in this county. Jacob F. Friedley also was born in the Laconia neighborhood, a son of George Friedley, who was born in southern Indiana and whose father had come down the river out of Pennsylvania in settlement days and had established his home in the hills of Harrison county, in the vicinity of where the Laconia settlement came to be established. As a young man Jacob F. Friedley was for some years engaged in teaching school. After his marriage he established his home on a farm in the Laconia neighborhood and there resided until some years ago, when he moved up into Delaware county and has since resided near Royerton. Roy M. Friedley was reared on the home farm in Harrison county and completed his schooling in the old Ohio Valley Normal School at Corydon. For four or five years thereafter he was engaged in teaching school during the winters, meantime carrying on the labors of the farm during the summers, and then in 1904 came to Muncie, which ever since has been his home. Upon coming to Muncie Mr. Friedley became connected with the operations of the Indiana Loan Company and was thus connected for some years, or until in 1912, when he became engaged in the real estate business on his own account and has ever since been thus engaged. Mr. Friedley is a Republican and is now representing his ward (the First) in the city council. He is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the Kiwanis Club and is also affiliated with the local lodge (No. 245) of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks,

with Silver Shield lodge of the Knights of Pythias and with Post R of the Travelers Protective Association. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. On June 15, 1910, Roy M. Friedley was united in marriage to Emily C. Maggs, who was born at Canandaigua, N. Y., and who in 1891 came to Muncie with her parents, William F. and Harriet E. (Newman) Maggs. William F. Maggs is a tailor, established at 108 West Adams street and residing at 607 Ashland. Mr. and Mrs. Friedley reside at 219 Kilgore avenue.

CLAUDE C. BALL, a member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court and a practicing attorney at Muncie for nearly thirty years, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the real pioneer families here, and has resided here all his life. Mr. Ball was born on a farm in Monroe township, in what is known as the old Ball neighborhood there, September 26, 1873, and is a son of George M. and Susan R. (Hale) Ball, the latter of whom is still living. She was born in the neighboring county of Henry, a daughter of Lafory Hale, a Virginian, who was one of the pioneers of that county. George M. Ball was born in Monroe township, a son of Samuel Ball, one of the early settlers in that part of Delaware county. He became a farmer in that township and there his last days were spent, his death occurring in March, 1879, when he was thirty-six years of age, and he left his widow with six children, as is set out elsewhere in this work, together with further details regarding the Ball family in this county. Claude C. Ball was but five years of age when his father died. He finished his common schooling in the grade school at Springport, down over the line in Henry county, and then began teaching school, teaching during the winters and continuing to carry on his work on the home farm during the summers. In 1892 he entered Indiana University and in 1896 was graduated from that institution, his studies having been carried on with particular reference to the law. Upon leaving the university Mr. Ball completed his law studies in the office of James N. Templer & Son, attorneys, at Muncie, and upon his admission to the bar a year later became a member of the Templer law firm, practicing under the name of Templer, Ball & Templer, an arrangement which was maintained for about ten years, or until the death of the elder Templer, since which time he has been carrying on in practice alone, with present offices at 303 Western Reserve Life building. Mr. Ball is a Democrat. He is a York Rite (Knights Templar) Mason and is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Claude C. Ball was united in marriage to Edna E. Sutton, a member of one of the pioneer

families of the adjacent county of Jay, daughter of James A. and Emma Sutton, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Virginia A. Mr. and Mrs. Ball are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They reside at 600 West North street.

WALTER M. WILSON, proprietor of two grocery stores at Muncie, has been a resident of this city since the days of his childhood and literally grew up in the grocery business, a line in which his father for many years has been engaged in Muncie. Mr. Wilson was born in the city of Pueblo, Colo., June 7, 1889, and is a son of A. J. and Minnie M. (Lewis) Wilson, the latter of whom was born in the vicinity of Muncie, a daughter of the Rev. William Lewis, a clergyman and Western missionary, with whom she was traveling in the West when she met and married A. J. Wilson, who was born at Cherokee, Ark., where he was reared, his father having been a merchant of that place. After his marriage A. J. Wilson continued to make his home in the West until in 1896, when he came to Indiana with his family and located at Muncie, where he ever since has made his home, now residing at 1601 West Ninth street. Upon taking up his residence in Muncie, A. J. Wilson established himself in the grocery business at the corner of Port and Ninth streets and is still thus engaged in business at that point, one of the real veteran grocerymen of the town. To him and his wife three children were born, those besides the subject of this sketch being Mrs. Frances W. Grayson, of New York City, and Roscoe Jesse Wilson, deceased. Walter M. Wilson was but seven years of age when he came to Muncie with his parents and his local schooling was completed in the high school here. This he later supplemented by a course in commercial forms in the International Correspondence School, and he is now completing a broader course in the Alexander Hamilton Institute. From the days of his boyhood Mr. Wilson has been familiar with the details of the retail grocery business, having grown up as a helper in his father's store, and he remained with his father until he branched out for himself, opening a grocery store and meat market at 1339 East Eighth street. This business prospered and he presently extended his operations by opening another store, at the corner of Eighth and Monroe streets, and has since been operating both of these stores. Mr. Wilson is a Democrat. He is affiliated with the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and he and his wife are members of the First Baptist church. On August 29, 1920, Walter M. Wilson was united in marriage to Ida L. Arnold, who was born in Muncie, daughter of Joseph R. Arnold, and to this union one child

has been born, a son, Walter Eugene Wilson. The Wilsons reside at 1508 South Hackley street.

FRANK W. BUDD, a member of the common council of the city of Muncie, member of the local city planning commission and auditor of the Central Indiana Gas Company, was born at Muncie on March 30, 1890, and is a son of Dr. Chester Allen and Fanny L. (Corbley) Budd, the latter of whom was born at Mt. Washington, in Hamilton county, Ohio, December 20, 1854, daughter of William and Louise (Denham) Corbley, who became residents of Muncie in 1874. The late Dr. Chester Allen Budd was born at Muncie on March 13, 1857, and was a son of Dr. Samuel O. and India (Allen) Budd, the latter of whom was born in Franklin county, Indiana, November 1, 1834, a daughter of John Allen, one of the pioneers of that county. Dr. Samuel O. Budd, who in his generation was one of the most influential men in Muncie, was born in Westchester county, New York, November 23, 1829, and was a son of John P. and Hebe (Sands) Budd, both of whom also were born in that state. In 1836 John P. Budd came with his family to Indiana and settled on a farm in the vicinity of Fairfield in Union county, where he remained until in the spring of 1853, when he moved to Muncie. It was in that same year that Samuel O. Budd married India Allen. In the meantime he had become an expert gunsmith and upon establishing his home at Muncie he opened a gunsmith's shop, as is set out elsewhere in this work. Some years later he took up the study of dentistry as practiced in those days, and in 1861 added to the equipment of his shop a set of dental instruments and began a career as a dental surgeon which continued for many years, or until his retirement, and in which in 1879 he was joined by his son, Dr. Chester Allen Budd, who in that year was graduated from the Ohio College of Dental Surgery at Cincinnati, and who continued in practice at Muncie the remainder of his life, his death occurring on November 22, 1902. It was on September 18, 1879, that Dr. Chester Allen Budd was united in marriage to Fanny L. Corbley. To that union were born nine children, five of whom are still living. Frank W. Budd, seventh in order of birth of these children, was twelve years of age when his father died. He was reared at Muncie and was graduated from the local high school in 1909. Upon leaving school he became employed in the plant of the Whiteley Malleable Iron Works, and was thus engaged for two years, at the end of which time he transferred his connection to the plant of the Inland Steel and Castings Company at Terre Haute. Two years later he returned to Muncie

and began working for the Central Indiana Gas Company, but not long afterward decided to go West and for four years thereafter was engaged working in the iron industry in the West at Wallace, Idaho. In the summer of 1917 he was married and in the fall of the following year he returned to Muncie and resumed his employment with the Central Indiana Gas Company, entering that concern's offices as assistant engineer, and presently was advanced to the position of auditor of the company, which position he now occupies, with headquarters at Muncie. Mr. Budd is a Republican and is a present member of the common council of the city of Muncie. He also is a member of the city planning commission and is vice president of that body. He is a Freemason and is affiliated with the local Kiwanis Club. It was on June 6, 1917, at Minneapolis, Minn., that Frank W. Budd was united in marriage to Marie Hill, who was born in that city, daughter of John P. and Anna D. (Dallam) Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Budd reside at 21 Orchard Place.

MINOT K. HOLMES, mechanical engineer of the great plant of the Hemingray Glass Company at Muncie, has been connected with that concern for twenty years and has thus come to occupy a definite and established position in the industrial life of the community. Mr. Holmes was born at Plymouth, Mass., September 10, 1886, and is the last born of the eight children born to Chandler and Elizabeth A. (Finney) Holmes, both members of Colonial families in Massachusetts. Chandler Holmes, a son of Ichabod Holmes, was engaged in the rope and cordage business, this business being chiefly carried on in Boston. Minot K. Holmes completed his schooling in the schools of Newton, Mass., and when eighteen years of age, in 1904, came to Muncie and took employment in the machine shop of the Hemingray Glass Company in Macedonia avenue, a concern with which he ever since has been connected and in the operations of which he has risen "from the ranks" to his present position of mechanical engineer of the busy plant whose specialty is the manufacture of glass insulators which find distribution in all parts of the civilized globe, wherever electric wires are strung. Mr. Holmes is a Republican and is a member of the Muncie Kiwanis Club. He also is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In July, 1912, Minot K. Holmes was united in marriage to Sarah Elliott, daughter of John and Winifred Elliott, of Springfield, Ohio, and to this union two children have been born, a son, Eliot, and a daughter, Janet. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are members of Grace Episcopal church. They reside at 112 South Proud street.

J. E. HAYS, veteran grocer at Muncie, where he has resided since the days of his boyhood, was born on a farm in Wayne county, Indiana, November 7, 1878, and is a son of Isaac G. and Louise Ellen Hays, both of whom were born in that same county, members of pioneer families in that section of Indiana. The late Isaac G. Hays moved with his family to Muncie in the '80s and here he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1916. During the later years of his life he had been associated with his son, the subject of this sketch, in the grocery business. J. E. Hays was but a lad when he came to Muncie with his parents and his schooling was completed in the schools here. Upon leaving school he began working as a clerk in the grocery store of C. A. Cropper and was thus engaged for seven years, or until in 1901, when he became engaged in business on his own account, opening a grocery store on North Elm street. He continued in business at that point until in 1913, when he erected his present two-story building at 411 North Elm street and has since carried on his business in this building, 24 by 70 feet in ground dimension, two floors, where he is well equipped and well stocked for all the needs of his trade. In 1915 Mr. Hays added to his grocery line a department for handling meat at retail. Mr. Hays is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He married Cora Duke and has three children, Emogene, Garner Duke and Mary Ellen.

CLINTON B. MASTERS, one of Muncie's progressive grocers, proprietor of a well appointed establishment at the corner of Wilson and Powers streets, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Muncie for thirty years. Mr. Masters was born in Franklin county, Indiana, June 11, 1888, and is a son of Lewis C. and Amy A. (Brown) Masters, both of whom also were born in that same county, the latter a daughter of William Brown, a member of one of the pioneer families of that county. Lewis C. Masters also was a member of one of the old families of Franklin county. In 1894 he moved with his family to Muncie and was for years engaged here in the real estate business. Clinton B. Masters was six years of age when he came to Muncie with his parents and upon completing the course in the local city schools he took a course in the old normal school here, then known as the Palmer University and now the Eastern Division of the Indiana State Normal School. Upon leaving school Mr. Masters took up the sale of life insurance and was thus engaged for about three years, at the end of which time he became a drug salesman for the G. F. Harvey Company and was thus employed for about four years or until in 1915 when he be-

came employed in the Sollan grocery store at the corner of Wilson and Powers street. In the next year (1916) he bought this store and has ever since been engaged in business there, doing business in up-to-date fashion, and is doing well. Mr. Masters is a Republican and is a Freemason. In June, 1919, Clinton B. Masters was united in marriage to Nora E. Harding, who was born and reared in Ohio, daughter of Clem Harding, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Lewis H. Masters. Mr. and Mrs. Masters are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. They reside at 512 South Proud street.

HENRY WYSOR MARSH, manager of the Wysor building at Muncie and a substantial farmer and landowner, living on the old Dow farm on the Wheeling pike north of town, was born at Muncie on July 18, 1884, and is a son of William M. and Martha (Wysor) Marsh, the latter a daughter of Jacob Henry Wysor, in his generation one of the leading men of affairs of Muncie, as is set out elsewhere in this work. William M. Marsh, concerning whom further mention also is made in this work, banker, manufacturer and promoter, was a son of John Marsh, who in 1856 came to Muncie from Cambridge City and in association with John W. Burson established the Muncie branch of the State Bank of Indiana, an interesting story of the real beginning of Muncie's commercial development that is told elsewhere. Reared at Muncie, Henry Wysor Marsh supplemented the schooling received in the local schools by a course in the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia and after his marriage in his twenty-third year became engaged in farming on the old Wysor homestead farm in Pulaski county, Virginia, and was thus engaged for eleven years or until in 1916, when he returned to Muncie and has since made his home on the old John J. Dow farm on the Wheeling pike north of town, which is owned by his mother. Mr. Marsh is a practical farmer and gives his personal attention to the operations of the farm and is an active member of the Delaware County Farm Bureau. He also is the manager of the Wysor office and commercial building at the southwest corner of Walnut and Main streets, one of the best office buildings in eastern Indiana, which he manages in behalf of his mother and his uncle, Harry Wysor, joint owners of the building, which occupies the site long occupied by the old Wysor theater, the corner on which it is said the first school conducted in old Muncietown was carried on. On March 6, 1907, Henry Wysor Marsh was united in marriage to Cora Wysor, daughter of Henry C. and Mary (Shipp) Wysor, of Pulaski

county, Virginia, and to this union four children have been born, three daughters, Martha Shipp, Mary Wysor (deceased) and Margaret Johnston, and a son, Henry Wysor Marsh, Jr. Mr. Marsh's office headquarters are at 401 the Wysor building.

DR. HOWARD DRUMM, one of Muncie's well established physicians, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the old families here, and has lived here the greater part of his life, the exception being a few years spent in practice at Parker, over in the neighboring county of Randolph. Doctor Drumm was born on a farm in Harrison township, this county, March 15, 1875, and is a son of Enoch and Margaret (Gibson) Drumm, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a member of one of the real pioneer families here, the Gibsons having been represented in Delaware county since the days of early settlement. Enoch Drumm is a substantial farmer in Harrison township. The Drumms are a Virginia family which came into Delaware county out of Ohio in pioneer days and are quite numerously represented hereabout. Reared on the home farm in Harrison township, Howard Drumm received his early schooling in the schools of that township and early began teaching school, a vocation he followed during the winters for as many as eight years, meanwhile, during the years 1891-95, attending the normal school at Valparaiso, Ind. He then took up studies preparatory to the study of medicine and in 1903 entered the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis, from which institution he was graduated in 1907. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Drumm opened an office for the practice of his profession at Muncie and was here located for something more than two years, at the end of which time he moved to the village of Parker, over in Randolph county, and there was engaged in practice until in 1913. In that year the Doctor took a course in the Post-Graduate Medical School at New York and upon his return again established himself at Muncie, where he ever since has been engaged in practice, with present offices in the Western Reserve Life building. Doctor Drumm is a member of the Muncie Academy of Medicine and of the Delaware-Blackford Medical Society and is likewise affiliated with the American and state medical associations. He is a Freemason. In 1902, Dr. Howard Drumm was united in marriage to Estella McClelland, also a member of one of Delaware county's old families, a daughter of Edward and Mary (Miller) McClelland, and to this union five children have been born, Eleanora, Howard, Francis, Estella Bernice, Miriam and Andrew Madison. The Drumms reside at 2500 Riverside avenue.

WALTER O. HAYMOND, general superintendent of the Indiana General Service Company, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life, a resident of Muncie since the days of his childhood. Mr. Haymond was born at the pleasant village of Cowan, five miles south of Muncie, in Monroe township, September 3, 1878, and is a son of Henry Clay and Margaret A. (Louthain) Haymond, the latter of whom is still living, making her home at Muncie, where she has resided for the past forty years. She was born at the long since deserted old trading center of Luray, eight miles south of Muncie, a daughter of George Louthain, a native of Wayne county, Indiana, who was one of the pioneer farmers of that section and who lived to be past ninety years of age. The late Henry Clay Haymond, who for years was one of the active figures in local banking and industrial circles, was born in the vicinity of Fairmount, Virginia, in that section of the Old Dominion which during the time of the Civil war became West Virginia, May 4, 1852, and was a son of Octavious and Elizabeth (Fleming) Haymond, both of whom also were born in that section of Virginia, and the former of whom died when his son Henry was but nine months of age. In 1869 Henry Clay Haymond, then seventeen years of age, came to Indiana to join his elder brother, William A. Haymond, who meanwhile had become a Delaware county farmer, and after taking a finishing course in the Muncie schools he began teaching school, a vocation he followed during the winters for nine years, and then he became engaged in the mercantile business at Cowan where he had established his home after his marriage in 1877 to Margaret Louthain. In 1884 he disposed of his interests at Cowan and moved to Muncie, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in 1912. Upon coming to Muncie Mr. Haymond became connected with the operations of the Indiana Bridge Company, an association which was continued for eighteen years. In 1905 he was made vice-president of the Delaware County National Bank of Muncie. He also was a member of the directorates of the Muncie Trust and Savings Company and of the Mutual Home and Savings Association. For eight or ten years he served as a member of the common council of the city of Muncie and also was for some time city controller, also for some years a member of the city school board, as is set out elsewhere in this work. To him and his wife were born four sons, the subject of this sketch having three brothers, William T., Edgar L. and Fleming C. Haymond. As will be noted by a comparison of above dates, Walter O. Haymond was but six years of

age when his parents moved with their family from Cowan to Muncie. Upon completing the high school course here he entered Purdue University and was graduated from that institution in 1901. Upon his return from college Mr. Haymond entered upon his long period of employment with the electric light and power plant, an interest that ever since has engaged his attention. He started in as collector, meter man and general trouble man, his course in electrical engineering at Purdue qualifying him for "all round" service with the electric light plant. When the plant was taken over by the Indiana General Service Company he was retained and thus took a part in the gradual extension of that company's interests centered in the great plant which has grown up at Muncie, one of the most extensive central power plants in the middle West, and is now general superintendent of the Indiana General Service Company. Mr. Haymond is a Republican, is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1903, at Huntington, Ind., Walter O. Haymond was united in marriage to Mabel Kenner, daughter of Major J. B. Kenner, a veteran of the Civil and Spanish-American wars and a lawyer of that city, and to this union three daughters have been born, Virginia, Margaret Catherine and Priscilla. Mr. Haymond and his family reside at 411 Wheeling avenue.

WILBERT A. SMITH, manager of the plant and operations of the Muncie Lumber Company, former deputy county auditor and for years a resident of Muncie, is a native of the neighboring county of Grant, born on a farm southwest of the city of Marion, February 3, 1878, and is a son of Joel B. and Margaret Angeline (Williams) Smith, both of whom were born in Adams county, Ohio, and the latter of whom passed away when her son, Wilbert was fourteen years of age. The late Joel B. Smith was born in 1853 and was about eight years of age when he came over into Indiana with his parents, Joseph A. Smith and wife, the family settling in Grant county. Joseph A. Smith was a member of one of the pioneer families of Ohio and was born in that state in 1824. Joel B. Smith followed farming for some years and then became engaged in the drug business, in which his last days were spent. To him and his wife were born two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Orpha B. Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Marion, Wilbert A. Smith supplemented the schooling received in the public schools by a commercial course in the normal school in that city and was for awhile thereafter employed as a bookkeeper in Chicago. He then became

engaged as manager of a grain elevator at Cole Station, a station on the Pennsylvania railway south of Swayzee in his home county, and was thus engaged until he came to Muncie and became employed in the office of the Grouleff & Mauck Lumber Company. In 1911 Mr. Smith left this employment to accept a position as deputy in the office of the auditor of Delaware county, and he continued thus employed in public service until on October 1, 1916, when he was made manager of the Muncie Lumber Company and he since has been thus engaged, in charge of the offices and plant of this concern at Ohio street and the L. E. & W. railway, one of the leading lumber dealers in eastern Indiana. On May 26, 1914, Wilbert A. Smith was united in marriage to Ica Olive Covault, who was born in the vicinity of Hartford City, Ind., April 11, 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Smith reside at 803 University avenue. Mr. Smith is a Freemason.

JESSE L. STUCKY, secretary of the Campbell Ice Cream and Milk Company of Muncie, and general manager of that concern's extensive plant in South Walnut street, was born at Gosport, in Owen county, Indiana, April 29, 1890, and is a son of Dr. F. V. and Magnolia (Campbell) Stucky, both of whom also were born at Gosport, members of old families in Owen county. Dr. F. V. Stucky, who now is the proprietor of the "College Pharmacy" drug store at 701 West Jackson street, Muncie, is a physician and formerly practiced medicine at Gosport, but about twenty years ago became engaged in the drug business and during recent years has been thus engaged in Muncie. He and his wife have four children, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Mary and Myrle, and a brother, Campbell Stucky. Reared at Gosport, Jesse L. Stucky was graduated from the high school there in 1909, and then became engaged as a timber buyer. In 1911 he came to Muncie, and became employed in the Campbell Bros.' drug store. When this firm began to develop the ice cream business which under that direction has grown to such large proportions at Muncie, as is set out elsewhere in this work, Mr. Stucky took an active interest in this development and in 1915 was made assistant manager of the big plant, which has been created for the sale of milk and the manufacture of ice cream at 1500 South Walnut street. He presently was advanced to the position of general manager of the concern and has since been acting in that capacity, also secretary of the company. Mr. Stucky is a Scottish Rite (thirty-second degree) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is likewise affiliated with the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and with the local lodge of the

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. On March 2, 1915, at Gosport, Jesse L. Stucky was united in marriage to Jane Cherry, who was born at that place, daughter of Frank and Elizabeth (Van Buskirk) Cherry. Mr. and Mrs. Stucky reside at 211 South Council street. They are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN S. COFFMAN, M. D., former coroner of Delaware county and a practicing physician at Muncie for more than a quarter of a century, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life. Doctor Coffman was born on a farm in Carroll county, Indiana, November 1, 1862, and is a son of John and Lydia (Cook) Coffman, the former of whom also was born in Indiana and the latter in Ohio. Reared on the home farm in Carroll county, John S. Coffman received his early schooling in the neighborhood schools and supplemented this by attendance at the old normal school at Ada, Ohio, now Ohio Northern University, from which institution he was graduated. For four or five years he was engaged in teaching school in his home county, meanwhile carrying on preparatory studies in medicine, and then entered the Ohio Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, from which, after a four-years' course, he was graduated in June, 1892. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Coffman opened an office for practice at Cutler, a pleasant village in his home county of Carroll, and two years later moved to Darlington, in Montgomery county, where he was engaged in practice for three years, or until in 1897, when he located at Muncie, where he ever since has been engaged in practice, with present offices at 108 Western Reserve Life building and residence at 201½ North High street. Doctor Coffman is a member of the state and national societies of the Eclectic school of medicine. He is a Republican and for two years (1905-1907) rendered public service as coroner of Delaware county. He also served for four years as a member of the United States pension board for this district. For forty years Doctor Coffman has been an active and influential figure in the councils of the Improved Order of Red Men in Indiana and in 1906 was the head of that order in this state, great sachem of the grand lodge of Indiana. Since then he has been a member of the Great Council of the order in the United States and during the greater part of this period has served as a member of the finance committee of that council. He also has for years been active in the affairs of the Loyal Order of Moose, is treasurer of the Indiana Moose executive committee, and was connected with the national board of control of that order when

the great "Mooseheart" institution was established out of Chicago. He wrote the ritual which was adopted and is now being used by the Supreme Lodge of the Mooseheart Legion, the second degree of the Loyal Order of Moose. The Doctor also is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In 1883 Dr. John S. Coffman was united in marriage to Florence A. Aiken, of Carroll county, Indiana, and he and his wife have one child, a daughter, Ora, who married Morris Guyer and has one child, a son, John. Doctor and Mrs. Coffman are members of the Presbyterian church and are Republicans.

NORMAN LOUIS WERNET, head of the Muncie Boiler and Sheet Iron Company and proprietor of the extensive manufacturing plant maintained by that concern at Second and Franklin streets, was born at Canton, Ohio, October 27, 1883, and is a son of L. J. and Laura Wernet, both of whom also were born in that city and the former of whom was for years engaged as a contractor in that city. Reared at Canton, Norman L. Wernet completed his local schooling by attendance for two years and a half in the high school there and then entered the Dummer Academy, a preparatory school, from which he was graduated in 1905. He then entered the law school of Ohio State University and took two years of further schooling in that institution. Deciding against further pursuit of his law studies Mr. Wernet became interested in industrial and mechanical pursuits and after awhile became connected with the operations of the plant of the Timken-Detroit Axle Company and was with that concern at Detroit until in 1911, when he transferred his services to the plant of the Warner Gear Company at Muncie, as manager of the parts order department of that concern, and was thus connected until in May, 1914, when he took over the plant of the Muncie Boiler and Sheet Iron Works and has since been managing the same as proprietor. The products of this extensive plant, besides the output of its boiler department, include metal stacks, tanks, glass-house equipment and miscellaneous factory equipment, and under Mr. Wernet's direction a wide market has been created for the same. Mr. Wernet is a member of the local council of the Knights of Columbus and of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Delaware Country Club. He and his family are members of St. Lawrence's Catholic church. Norman L. Wernet married Mildred E. O'Meara, daughter of H. F. and Mary O'Meara, and has three sons, John Henry, Norman Louis, Jr., and Robert Francis. The Wernets reside at 1004 East Main street.

WALDO H. BALLARD, a veteran hardware merchant of Muncie and head of the firm of W. H. Ballard & Son, has been engaged in business in Muncie for nearly thirty years, having come here from the South, where for nearly twenty years he had been engaged in the same line of business. Mr. Ballard was born at Framingham, Mass., in 1859, and is a son of Albert and Caroline (Fisk) Ballard, the former of whom was born in that same city, a son of Josiah Ballard. Albert Ballard and wife were the parents of seven children, two daughters, Mary and Eva, both now deceased, and five sons, the subject of this sketch having four brothers, Frederick J., Wallace, William C. and Albert M. Ballard. Reared at Framingham, Waldo H. Ballard received his schooling in the schools of that city and for some time after leaving school was employed in one of the local banks. He then, in 1877, became engaged in the hardware business at Asheville, N. C., where he established his home and where he was thus engaged in business for seventeen years, or until in 1895, when he disposed of his interests there and came to Muncie. Upon his arrival here Mr. Ballard bought the hardware store of F. C. Spradling & Co., and has since been engaged in the hardware business here, now having associated with him in the business his son, Wallace M. Ballard, the two doing business under the firm name of W. H. Ballard & Son, at the old established stand at 207 South Walnut street. Waldo H. Ballard has been twice married. His first wife, Ella Lorick, died leaving one child, the son, Wallace M., and he later married Elizabeth Church. They have one child, a daughter, Caroline. The family resides at 816 East Main street. Wallace M. Ballard married May E. Gabriel and resides at 225½ North Vine street.

DR. CASPER L. BACON, one of Muncie's veteran physicians and a practitioner here for more than a quarter of a century, is a native of the old Empire state but has for many years been a resident of the Hoosier state, having come over here from Ohio. Doctor Bacon was born at Watertown, N. Y., October 1, 1853, and is a son of Silas and Eliza Bacon, the latter of whom was a native of Germany and was but a child when she came to this country with her parents, her family settling at Mohawk, N. Y. Silas Bacon was born in Massachusetts. As a young man he became employed in New York state and at Mohawk was married, later establishing his home at Watertown, where he became engaged in the butcher business. Later he became engaged in the business of dairy farming and in that line was interested until his retirement. Casper L.

Bacon's early schooling was received at Watertown. This he supplemented by a course in the normal school at Potsdam and then for two years was engaged in teaching school. He then became engaged as a manufacturer of cheese and in the marketing of this commodity and built up quite a business along that line. For sixteen years he continued in this business and then, having for some time been attracted to the study of medicine, he closed out his business and entered the Ohio State Medical College, which then was located at Cleveland, and was graduated from that institution. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Bacon opened an office for practice at Cleveland and was thus engaged there for five years, or until in 1897, when he came to Indiana and located at Muncie, where he ever since has been engaged in practice, his office for many years having been in the Jones block, where he is now located. Doctor Bacon is a Freemason. In 1873 Dr. Casper L. Bacon was united in marriage to Ella Shipman, daughter of George and Mary Shipman, of St. Lawrence county, New York, and he has a son, Harold G. Bacon, who married Mildred Little, and has two daughters, Mary L. and Betty Jane. Doctor Bacon resides at 1008 East Charles street.

G. W. MILLIKAN, president of the Muncie Bow and Rim Bending Company, manufacturers of bows for automobile tops, at Muncie, has been engaged in the bentwood business at Muncie for more than thirty years and thus is recognized as one of the veterans of that line of industry in Indiana. Mr. Millikan literally "grew up" in the lumber and woodworking business and has for years been recognized as an authority in the bentwood industry. He was born in the nearby county of Wells in 1861, a son of Alfred and Sarah (Brotherton) Millikan and when his school days were over became engaged in the lumber business at Montpelier. In 1890 he located at Muncie and established a bentwood factory here, the forerunner of his present establishment, and has ever since been engaged in business in this city, his sons now being associated with him in business, the concern occupying the plant of the old washing machine factory on West Adams street and carrying on as the Muncie Bow and Rim Bending Company. With the development of the automobile industry Mr. Millikan re-equipped his plant with special reference to the manufacture of bows for the tops of automobiles and this product has since been this factory's specialty, a wide market having been created for the products of the plant. Mr. Millikan is the president of this company. One of his sons, James A. Millikan, is the vice president of the company and the other son, William M. Millikan, is the secre-

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tary and general manager. The plant has a capacity of five car loads of bows a week and the product is used in the manufacture of tops for some of the leading makes of automobiles in this country. The Millikan company also has a lumber mill at Laurel, Ind., and thus has first-hand control of the greater part of its raw material. G. W. Millikan married Martha Jarrett, who also was born in Wells county, daughter of John and Mary (Sills) Jarrett, and he and his wife reside at 524 West Jackson street. They have four children, the two sons, James A. and William M., mentioned above, and two daughters, Rose and Stella, all of whom are married. James A. Millikan married Essie McFann and has three children, Martha Jane, Bonnie Jean and James Alton. William M. Millikan married Bessie Creek and has two children, William and Guy. Rose Millikan married Harry Snider and Stella Millikan married Clell Maple and has two children, George Watson and James Woodford.

T. B. CALVERT, principal of the Wilson high school at Muncie, has been engaged in school work in Indiana for many years and since coming to Muncie has added to the reputation as a school man gained during years of prior high school work at Columbus, this state. Mr. Calvert is a native son of Indiana and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Greene county, on February 11, 1879, and is a son of John W. and Elizabeth Calvert, both of whom also were born in this state. John W. Calvert, who is still living, has all his active life been engaged in farming in Greene and Owen counties. Reared on the home farm in Greene county, T. B. Calvert received his early schooling in the schools of that county and after a course in the county normal school began teaching, a vocation he ever since has followed. In 1898, when nineteen years of age, he entered the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute and carried on his studies there, intermittently, meanwhile continuing his work as a district school teacher, until his graduation in 1905. During the year prior to his graduation Mr. Calvert had served as principal of the village school at Freedom, in Owen county, and upon receiving his diploma was made principal of the grade schools at Columbus, Ind. Two years later he entered the high school there as head of the mathematics department. For twelve years Mr. Calvert retained this connection with the Columbus high school, the last five years of this time being spent as assistant principal as well as head of mathematics. Meanwhile he had been taking special work at Indiana University and during the term 1917-18 secured leave of absence to complete this work and was graduated

from the university. It was then that his services were secured for the Muncie schools, this service beginning with the 1919 term, for which he was installed as assistant principal of Central high school. In 1921 he was advanced to the position of principal of Wilson high school and has since been serving in that capacity, with twenty-eight teachers under his direction and an enrollment in the school of about 625 pupils. During the summers of 1922 and 1923 Mr. Calvert took a special course in educational work in the University of Wisconsin. In 1903 T. B. Calvert was united in marriage to Luna Owen, daughter of Benjamin Owen, of Bloomfield, Ind., and to this union two children have been born, a son, Owen, and a daughter, Lucile. Mr. and Mrs. Calvert are members of the Christian Church and Mr. Calvert is a Freemason.

BENJAMIN P. LARGENT, manager of the plant of Glascock Brothers Coal Company at Muncie, and formerly and for years a druggist in that city, was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of the pleasant village of St. Paris, in Champaign county, Ohio, in 1870, and is a son of Emanuel and Lydia (Prince) Largent, both members of pioneer families in that county. Mrs. Largent was a daughter of William and Sarah (Norman) Prince, the former of whom was a Kentuckian by birth, the son of a Virginian who had become a settler in the old Blue Grass state in pioneer days. The Normans also were a Virginia family. One of Mrs. Largent's brothers, Capt. David Prince, was an officer in the Union army during the time of the Civil war, captain of Company I of the 42d regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Emanuel Largent, who was a well to do farmer in Champaign county, was born in that county, son of William H. and Elizabeth (Kite) Largent, pioneers of that section of Ohio. To Emanuel Largent and wife were born six children, four of whom grew to maturity. The subject of this sketch (the last in order of birth) has a sister, Nettie, wife of Jesse Lewis, of Troy, Ohio, and a brother, Otto Largent, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Flint, Mich. Another brother, William E. Largent, recently died at St. Paris, Ohio. Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of St. Paris, Benjamin P. Largent received his schooling in the excellent schools of that village and early became interested in the mercantile business, leaving the farm to become clerk in a store, and presently became engaged in the drug business at St. Paris. In 1898 Mr. Largent came over into Indiana and with an associate opened a drug store at Muncie, carrying on in connection with that business a general paint and wall paper department. In 1917

he disposed of that interest and in November of that year entered upon his present duties as general manager of the extensive plant of the Glascock Brothers (J. W. and B. D. Glascock) Coal Company at Liberty and Second street, and has since been thus engaged. Mr. Largent is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. In 1901 Benjamin P. Largent was united in marriage to Edith L. Case, daughter of F. B. Case, of Muncie, and to this union two children have been born, Elizabeth C. and Howard M., the former of whom is a student in the Eastern Division of the Indiana State Normal School at Muncie. Mr. and Mrs. Largent are members of the First Presbyterian church and Mr. Largent is the president of the men's Bible class of the Sunday school of that church. The Largents reside at 1217 West Powers street.

REV. DAVID DAVIES, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, now living retired at Muncie, where he has made his home for the past twenty years, is a European by birth but has been a resident of this country since he was a small child and thus regards himself as much an American as though "native and to the manner born." The Reverend Mr. Davies was born in the village of Glynarthen, in the southern part of Wales, England, May 7, 1850, and is a son of the Rev. David and Rachel (Williams) Davies, both of whom also were born in Wales and who came to America with their son, then their only child, in 1852, and located at Parisville, Ohio. The Rev. David Davies (Sr.) had been a teacher in his home village but upon coming to this country became a minister of the Congregational church and served thereafter in this ministerial capacity. He died at Parisville, Ohio, at the age of seventy-one years, and his widow survived him for eight years, she being eighty years of age at the time of her death. The Rev. David Davies (Jr.) was but two years of age when he came to this country with his parents in 1852 and he was reared at Parisville, Ohio, a pleasant village in Portage county, not far east of Canton. Upon completing the course in the village schools there he entered Western Reserve College (now the university) at Cleveland and after a course of study there was for some time engaged in teaching school, meanwhile pursuing his studies preparatory to entering the gospel ministry. In 1878 he was ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church in Ohio and has ever since been engaged in that calling, though now long retired, on the superannuate list of the Northeast Ohio Conference. Mr. Davies' first charge in the itineracy of his church was at New Martinsburg, W. Va., from which place he was transferred to Ceredo in

that same state. For five years he labored in West Virginia and then returned to Ohio and successive charges in that state were held by him at Summertown, Freeport, Adamsville, Gustavus, Dexter City, Lowelville and Welshfield. In 1904 Mr. Davies retired from the active ministry of his church and moved to Muncie, where he has since resided, content with doing occasional supply work as occasions demand. He has been an extensive traveler and has been in every state of the Union save Arkansas and Oklahoma, three trips to the Pacific coast, once to Alaska, and a journey to Panama. In Summertown, Ohio, October 4, 1883, the Rev. David Davies was united in marriage to Mary L. Maring, who was born at that place and who is a sister of the late J. M. Maring, whose activities in the glass industry at Muncie made him for years one of the active factors in the industrial and commercial development of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Davies have a pleasant home at 419 East Washington street.

SAMUEL R. GRAVES, a veteran groceryman at Muncie and proprietor of a well stocked and up-to-date establishment in West Main street, was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, in 1858, and is a son of Nathaniel and Selectha Ann (Hall) Graves, the latter of whom was a daughter of William J. and Mary A. Hall, residents of that county. William J. Hall was a native of England. Nathaniel Graves also was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Nathaniel Graves, who had come to this country from Ireland. The junior Nathaniel Graves and his wife were the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters. Two of these sons, William and George Graves, brothers of Samuel R. Graves, lost their lives while serving as soldiers of the Union during the time of the Civil war. When Samuel R. Graves was but a child his parents moved from Pennsylvania to VanWert, Ohio, and he received his schooling in the schools of this latter city. He early became interested in the cooper's trade and presently became engaged in the cooperage business on his own account at Mill Shoals, Illinois. In 1879, when he was twenty-one years of age, Mr. Graves established a cooperage at Jonesboro, Arkansas, and was there engaged in business until in 1909, when he came to Muncie, where he since has resided. In 1909 Mr. Graves became engaged in the grocery business here, opening a store in Riverside, and in 1918 moved from there to his present location at 225 West Main street, where he since has been quite successfully engaged in business. In 1874 Samuel R. Graves married Clara Sheriff, of Mansfield, Ohio, and he and his wife have a daughter Gertrude May, who married J. K.

Slack and has three children, Stanley R., Clara Louise and Gertrude M. Mr. and Mrs. Graves are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Graves is a Freemason and has attained to the chapter or Royal Arch degree in that ancient order.

WILLIAM TAYLOR JANNEY, president of the First Rural Loan and Savings Company of Muncie, a former member of the board of county commissioners and a former merchant of Muncie, now living practically retired in that city, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the real pioneer families here, and has lived here all his life. Mr. Janney was born on a farm in Washington township on April 17, 1849, and is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Hayden) Janney, who had come over here from Stark county, Ohio, and the latter of whom was born in Pennsylvania, March 1, 1812. Joseph Janney was born in Stark county, Ohio, November 21, 1811, and was a son of Amos and Sarah Janney, who came over into Indiana with their family from Ohio in 1837 and settled in Delaware county. Upon his arrival here in October, 1837, Joseph Janney took up a tract of land in Washington township, bought from the Government by his father, Amos Janney, and there established his home and proceeded to clear and improve the place, in time coming to be the owner of more than four hundred acres and creating there a valuable farm property. On that place he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on November 19, 1876. His widow survived him for more than thirteen years, her death occurring on January 19, 1890, she then being past seventy-seven years of age. Joseph Janney was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Disciples or Christian church. They were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last born, the others being Mary, who married Joseph Thorn; Jefferson, who married Christina Myers; Amos F., who married Barbara Roberts and after her death married Mrs. Cynthia (Weir) Love; John H., who gave his life as a soldier of the Union during the Civil war; Anna, who married James T. Broyles and is still living, and Harriet, who married Isaac H. Gray and also is still living. John H. Janney, the soldier member of this family, went to the front as a member of Company B of the 36th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and his service covered a period of four years. At the battle of Atlanta he was wounded and taken prisoner by the enemy and for seven months thereafter, or until the close of the war, suffered incarceration in the abominable prison pen at Andersonville, Ga. With hundreds of other released prisoners he found passage at Vicksburg on the

ill-fated steamer "Sultana" to return north and was among the victims when that vessel blew up in midstream, among these victims being several other Delaware county men. William Taylor Janney was reared on the home farm in Washington township. He completed his schooling in the Muncie high school and after his marriage at the age of twenty-four continued engaged in farming until in 1893, when he disposed of his farming interests, though continuing to hold his land and moved to Muncie, where he became engaged in the mercantile business, opening an establishment for the sale of farm implements, buggies, wire fencing and the like, and was thus engaged for twelve years, in the meantime acquiring other interests. Mr. Janney was one of the organizers of the First Rural Loan and Savings Company of Muncie, and has served as its president since its organization. He is a Republican and for six years (1909-1915) served as a member of the board of county commissioners for Delaware county. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church. The house in which they live in Muncie was erected by him in 1911-12. Mr. Janney still retains his land holdings in Washington and Harrison townships. During the more than seventy years of his acquaintance with conditions in that part of the county he has seen some amazing developments in land values, some of the formerly apparently hopeless swamp tracts there now being regarded as among the most valuable lands in the county. It was on June 19, 1873, that William Taylor Janney was united in marriage to Hannah Elizabeth McCreery, who was born in Harrison township, this county, a daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Brown) McCreery, the former of whom was born in Clark county, Ohio, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Maynard) McCreery, the former born in Virginia and the latter in Maryland, who had come over into Indiana from Ohio in 1838 and had settled in Harrison township, this county, where the McCreerys became well established among the pioneer families of that section of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Janney have six children, Carlton R., Stanton, Florence E., Harry Lester Janney, the county surveyor; Beulah M. and Ada R., all of whom are married save Beulah. Ada R. Janney married Earl Tate. Florence E. Janney married Roy Goetcheus and has six children, Donald Dean, Robert A., Marjorie, Frederick, Mary Elizabeth and Richard. Stanton Janney married Gertrude Younce and Carlton R. Janney married Pearl Snider. Harry Lester Janney, county surveyor, was born on the home farm in Washington township, October 6, 1883, and was nine years of age when his parents moved to Muncie. He was graduated from the

Muncie high school and then entered Purdue University, where he took up the civil engineering course and was graduated in 1907. For some time thereafter he was assistant city engineer in Muncie and in 1916 was elected county surveyor. By re-election he is now serving his fourth term in that office. Mr. Janney is a Republican, a Mason, an Elk and he and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian church. In 1920 Harry Lester Janney was united in marriage to Helen Bowman, daughter of Benjamin C. and Cassie (Heath) Bowman, and to this union two children have been born, Helen Elizabeth and Catherine B. Mrs. Janney formerly was secretary of the Muncie Social Service Bureau and during the time of this country's participation in the World war rendered valuable service in that connection. She is a member of the college sorority Psi Iota Xi.

FRED PAYTON, clerk of the Delaware Hotel, Muncie, and a veteran of the World war, is a member of one of the old families of Delaware county, the Paytons having been represented here since pioneer days. Mr. Payton was born on a farm in Center township in 1893, and is the son and only child of Philip and Mattie (Jacobs) Payton, the latter of whom is a daughter of Benjamin Jacobs and wife, who came here from Virginia, and is the last born of the seven children born to that parentage, the others having been Hattie, Lettie, Mary, Anderson, Elmis and Winton. Philip Payton was born on the old Payton farm in the vicinity of Muncie and is a son of Gabriel and Mary E. (Hedrick) Payton, who had settled there early in the '40s. Gabriel Payton, the pioneer, was a native of Wayne county, Indiana, and had come to Delaware county about the year 1833, settling in Liberty township, but about ten years later had moved to the Center township farm, which he developed and where he established his home and spent the remainder of his life. To him and his wife were born four children, Philip Payton having two sisters, Samantha and Martha, and a brother, Dr. Lewis Payton, of Muncie. Fred Payton was reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Muncie and his schooling was received in the local schools. As a young man he went West and was for some time engaged in the retail tobacco business in Colorado, but presently returned home and in 1914 became engaged in farming on a farm of forty acres which he now owns in Delaware township. He thus was living here when this country took a hand in the World war in 1917. He rendered service during that war in the Marine Corps, having been stationed for a time at Norfolk, Va., and then at Charleston, S. C., and upon the com-

pletion of his military service returned home. In 1922 he became a clerk in the Delaware Hotel at Muncie and is now serving in that capacity. Mr. Payton is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

M. REED SHAFER, manager of the Muncie branch of the Beatrice Creamery Company of Chicago and a veteran of the World war, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here and has lived here all his life. Mr. Shafer was born on a farm in the Royerton neighborhood, five or six miles north of Muncie, September 25, 1888, and is a son of the Rev. W. Max and Katie (Pixley) Shafer, both of whom also were born in this county, the latter in 1862. The Pixleys have been represented in this county since 1853. The Rev. W. Max Shafer, a substantial farmer of Hamilton township and a clergyman of the Christian church, president of the Eastern Indiana Conference of that communion, was born in Hamilton township, on a farm in the neighborhood in which he is now living, in 1860. Reared on the home farm in Hamilton township, M. Reed Shafer received his early schooling in the Royerton schools and in 1907 was graduated from the Muncie high school. In 1911 he entered Purdue University, taking a special agricultural course, and was graduated from that institution in June, 1915, after which he resumed his place on the farm and was thus engaged until in February, 1918, he entered the army for World war service and was assigned to Veterinary Corps, No. 1, of the 7th Brigade, stationed at Ft. Oglethrope, Ga. Upon the completion of this service in the fall of 1918 Mr. Shafer returned home and became employed with the Inter-State Motor Company at Muncie, a connection he retained until in the following June when he entered the banking house of the Muncie Trust Company. When that institution presently was consolidated with the Merchants Trust and Savings Company of Muncie, Mr. Shafer transferred his connection to the office of the Beatrice Creamery Company. Eighteen months later he was made manager of the Muncie branch of that concern and has since been acting in that capacity, with offices and plant in West Seymour street. This local creamery plant formerly and for years was operated as the White River Creamery and in 1919 was consolidated with the Beatrice Creamery Company, which had its inception years ago at Beatrice, Neb., under the operations of Haskell and Bosworth, and which has been developed into one of the most extensive concerns of its kind in the world, with no fewer than sixteen branches covering

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all sections of the country, and with an annual output of butter alone aggregating not less than 40,000,000 pounds, marketed under its well known "Meadow Gold" brand. This concern, in addition to its general creamery business, also operates largely in eggs, has cold-storage plants at convenient centers and also operates as many as nine extensive ice cream factories. During the year just past the Muncie branch of this creamery concern made no less than 1,250,000 pounds of butter and as much as 50,000 gallons of ice cream, its product finding a ready market throughout this trade area. Mr. Shafer is a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is affiliated with the local post of the American Legion, the Dyamo Club, the Muncie Club, the Travelers Protective Association, the United Commercial Travelers and the national fraternity Delta Tau Delta, and the scholastic fraternities, Alpha Zeta, Sigma Delta Chi and Iron Key, while he and his wife are members of the Christian church. On February 2, 1920, M. Reed Shafer was united in marriage to Helen Parsons, who was born at Anderson, Ind., daughter of James H. and Nancy (Anshutz) Parsons, and was but a child when she came to Muncie with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Shafer have twin children, a daughter, Sarah Catherine, and a son, Jean Stockton. They reside at "Pine Crest Farm," north of Muncie.

A. B. WETHERILL, who for ten years and more has been established in the plumbing business at Muncie, has been a resident of that city for more than thirty years, or ever since he started out "on his own." Mr. Wetherill was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of the city of Lima, in Allen county, Ohio, in 1872, and is a son of A. and Lydia (Heath) Wetherill, the former of whom was engaged in farming. Reared on the farm, A. B. Wetherill received his schooling in the schools of the city of Lima. As a youth he was not attracted to the life of the farm and as a young man learned the plumber's trade. When twenty-one years of age, in 1893, he came to Muncie and has ever since been a resident of this city. In 1913 he established himself in business in a plant of his own and has since been successfully engaged in the general plumbing line, with a well equipped establishment at 200 North Walnut street, right in the heart of the city's business district. A. B. Wetherill married Minnie M. Owen and has two children, Bonnie and Georgia, the latter of whom married Karl Blakely and has one child, a daughter, Betty Francine. Bonnie Wetherill married Paul White. Mr. Wetherill is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the local lodges

of the Knights of Pythias, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Mr. and Mrs. Wetherill are members of the Christian church. The Wetherills reside at 216 North Mulberry street.

DR. ELDO HORACE CLAUSER, a veteran of the World war with an officer's commission and a captain in the reserve corps of the medical department of the United States army, a practicing physician at Muncie, was born on a farm in Carroll county, Indiana, March 27, 1890, and is a son of Charles E. and Sarah A. (Turner) Clauser, both of whom also were born in Indiana, the latter in the vicinity of Vevay, in Switzerland county. Charles E. Clauser, a farmer in Carroll county, was born in that county and is a son of William Clauser, who was born in Pennsylvania, of German descent, the name originally having been Klauser. Reared on the home farm in Carroll county, Eldo H. Clauser was graduated from the Rossville high school and for a year was engaged in teaching school. He then entered the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute and after a course there entered Indiana University, from which he received his A. B. degree in 1913. Meanwhile he had been pursuing studies preparatory to entrance on the medical college of the university and after two years of further study in this latter institution was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1915. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor Clauser was assigned to an interneship in the Indianapolis city hospital and after a year of practical experience there came to Muncie, in the fall of 1916, and opened an office for the practice of his profession and was here when this country took a hand in the World war in the spring of 1917. In July following he enlisted his services in behalf of the medical corps of the army and after a course of preparatory training was commissioned a first lieutenant and in September was stationed at the base hospital at Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala., where he remained for near a year, at the end of which time he was transferred to Camp Eustis (Va.). Four months later he was transferred to Camp Grant (Ill.), where on April 1, 1919, he received his discharge, the war then being over, and was later commissioned a captain in the officers Reserve Corps. Upon the completion of his military service Doctor Clauser returned to Muncie and resumed his practice, and has since been thus engaged, with present offices at 101 Western Reserve Life building. The Doctor is a member of the Delaware-Blackford Medical Society, of the Muncie Academy of Medicine, of the Indiana State Medical Association and of the American Medical Association, and is affiliated with the college

(Medical) fraternity Phi Beta Pi. He is a member of the local post of the American Legion and is a 32° (Scottish Rite) Mason and a Knight Templar, as well as a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In 1915 Dr. E. H. Clauser was united in marriage to Marjorie Lewis, who died in 1920, leaving two children, Jean and Leah. In 1922 the Doctor married Cora Benson.

FRANK EDGAR BARBER, former clerk of the court for Delaware county and proprietor of the plant of the Muncie Casket Company, manufacturer of coffins and undertakers' supplies, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Indiana and of Delaware county for more than twenty-five years. Mr. Barber was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Hillsboro, in Highland county, Ohio, February 21, 1873, and is a son of William F. and Mary Louise (Kloene) Barber, the latter of whom also was born in Ohio and whose last days were spent at Indianapolis, her death occurring there when she was sixty-four years of age. William F. Barber, who was born in Pennsylvania, was a lawyer, a graduate of Yale college, and was engaged in the practice of his profession at Hillsboro, Ohio, where he died at the age of forty-two. He and his wife were the parents of five children, one daughter and four sons. Frank E. Barber was about eight years of age when his father died. His mother presently moved with her children to Cincinnati and it was there that he received his schooling. He was graduated from the high school and from the Cincinnati Law School, receiving his diploma from the latter institution in 1893, in which year he was admitted to the bar. For two or three years he was engaged in the practice of law at Cincinnati, meanwhile becoming interested in manufacturing enterprises, and in 1897 came to Delaware county as the secretary-treasurer of the Ideal Stove Foundry Company, which had established a plant at Daleville, and of which he presently became general manager, and was so employed at the time this plant was destroyed by fire in 1902. Meanwhile Mr. Barber had married and established his home at Daleville and had acquired mercantile and other business interests there. For six years he served as postmaster at Daleville and continued to make that place his home until in 1913, when he moved to Muncie to take charge of the affairs of the Muncie Casket Company, a concern which had become established there in 1889 for the manufacture of coffins and undertakers' supplies and was incorporated with a capital stock of $50,000. Mr. Barber, who now is sole owner of this plant, has been the active factor in the affairs of the Muncie Casket Company for more than

ten years and has done much to extend the operations of the concern, which now is capitalized at $150,000 and employs about fifty persons. Its specialty is high-quality cloth-covered and hardwood caskets and mortuary suits and dresses for the undertaking trade. Mr. Barber is a Republican and from the time of his coming to Delaware county back in the '90s has taken an active interest in local political affairs. In 1918 he was elected county clerk and in due time entered upon the duties of that office, his term of service terminating on December 31, 1923. Since the year 1900 Mr. Barber has been a Freemason. He also is a member of the order of Knights of Pythias, is a past exalted ruler of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a charter member of the Kiwanis Club, a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and of other orders and a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce. For years Mr. Barber has been deeply interested in amateur sports of an athletic character, this interest dating from his school days when he held some records as a sprinter, and he has for some time been the director of athletics of the Muncie Young Men's Christian Association. On May 27, 1900, at Daleville, Frank E. Barber was united in marriage to Ella M. Shoemaker, daughter of Sanford H. Shoemaker, a veteran of the Civil war and a member of one of the pioneer families of Delaware county, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Monzelle L. Barber. Mr. and Mrs. Barber and their daughter are members of the Jackson Street Christian church.

JOHN COOPER PROPS, president and general manager of the Props-Dunn Motor Company of Muncie, a member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court and long recognized as one of the leaders in the field of automobile distribution in eastern Indiana, was born on a farm in the Eaton neighborhood in Union township, this county, March 20, 1877, and is a son of William H. and Sarah (Lewis) Props, the latter of whom also was born in this county, May 26, 1845, daughter of John and Mary (Babbs) Lewis, the former of whom was one of the original land entrants in Niles township. The late William Henry Props, who was a veteran of the Civil war, was born at Marion, in the neighboring county of Grant, June 18, 1841, and was a son of John and Elizabeth (Janes) Props, the latter of whom was born in Logan county, Ohio, October 26, 1820, daughter of Zachariah and Nancy (George) Janes, the latter of whom was born in that same community, in 1796, back in territorial days, seven years before Ohio was admitted to statehood. Zachariah Janes was a soldier of the War of 1812 and when lands over here in this part of Indiana began

to attract the attention of settlers came here with his family and settled in the Pendleton neighborhood, over in the neighboring county of Madison. He later moved to the vicinity of Lexington, Mo., where he died in 1867. His wife had long predeceased him, her death having occurred in Madison county in 1834. John Props was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, May 13, 1808, and in his youth was trained to the blacksmith trade. He worked for some time in the arsenal at Harpers Ferry and then came to Indiana to take employment on the construction of the Wabash canal, and at Pendleton married Elizabeth Janes, afterward making his home at Marion, where his wife died on her birthday in 1846. William Henry Props was but five years of age when his mother died and for two years thereafter he was cared for in the home of Burtney Ruley. Then he went to live with the family of Joel W. Long and this was his home when the Civil war broke out, and he and his three brothers, John A., James M. and Lemuel T. Props, entered the service in behalf of the Union cause. John A. Props died in service. It was on October 5, 1862, when a little past his majority, that William Henry Props, at Muncie, enlisted his services in behalf of the Union, his enlistment being for three years or the duration of the war. He went to the front as a member of Company B of the 69th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and less than two months later, November 25, 1862, was discharged by reason of disability incurred by a minnie ball through the right lung at the battle of Richmond, Ky. He was prostrated by the wound and was cared for in a negro cabin in the vicinity of the battle field until he was able to return home. On September 7, 1865, William Henry Props married Sarah Lewis and not long afterward established his home on a farm in the Eaton neighborhood in this county, where he became successfully engaged in farming and stock raising. From the time of the organization of the Republican party, in the days of his boyhood, he had espoused the principals of that party until along in the '70s the Greenbackers entered the political field, and he then voted for Peter Cooper, the candidate of that party, for President. Later when the Peoples Party movement got a good start he took up with that party, and then, in 1896, when the free-silver movement began to attract so much attention he took up with that and thereafter was an ardent supporter of William Jennings Bryan. His wife died on July 3, 1902, and he survived her for about five years, his death occurring on June 8, 1907. They were members of the Christian church and their children were reared in that faith. There were

six of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Mrs. Mary McFee, deceased; Rachel Louella; Joel W., who died on June 21, 1905, at the age of thirty-six years, leaving a son, Emil W.; Robert, who died at the age of nineteen years, and Mrs. Nettie B. Blazer. Reared on the home farm in Union township, John Cooper Props completed the course in the public schools at Eaton, supplemented this by a course in the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, and for five years was engaged during the winters as a teacher in the schools of Delaware county. In May, 1899, when George F. McCulloch was organizing his staff for the establishment of the Muncie *Star*, Mr. Props was one of the men employed in that behalf, and thus helped in the establishment of the paper. He was married in the spring of 1902 and later transferred his services to the *News-Tribune* at Marion. In 1903 he became engaged in farming at Wellington, Ill., managing a farm of 320 acres owned by his wife's uncle, the late Oliver P. Dunn, later the president of the present Props-Dunn Motor Company at Muncie. After some time Mr. Props gave up the notion of becoming an Illinois farmer and he returned to Eaton, where he took up the real estate business as a calling. While thus engaged he pursued the study of law and in due time was admitted to the bar and entered practice at Eaton, but before establishing himself very firmly in that profession took up his present line, automobile sales, in 1909, and has since then been quite successfully engaged along that line, present president and general manager of the Props-Dunn Motor Company of Muncie, with sales rooms and service station at 110 East Gilbert street. Mr. Props was the first president of the first motor club organized in Muncie and was also first president of the first association of automobile dealers in the county. He is prominent in national and state automobile dealers' associations and has served as president of the Indiana State Automobile Dealers Association. In his political views he maintains independence of party ties. He is a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason, and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is also a member of the local commandery of the Knights Templar, a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Indianapolis Athletic Club. On April 9, 1902, in Union township, this county, Mr. Props was united in marriage to Beatrice McKeever, who was born in Grant county, Indiana, February 14, 1876, a daughter of Albert and Elmira (Dunn) McKeever, the last born of three

children born to that parentage, Mrs. Props having a sister, Zelma R., and a brother, Charles L. McKeever. Mrs. Props was but a child when her mother died and from the age of four years she was reared in the household of her maternal uncle, the late Oliver P. Dunn, and wife. To Mr. and Mrs. Props three children have been born, Isabella Dunn, William Oliver (deceased) and Sarah.

HENRY ALFRED BARLOW, vice-president and factory superintendent of the Campbell Ice Cream and Milk Company of Muncie, is a "Buckeye" by birth but has been a resident of Indiana and of Delaware county since the days of his young manhood. Mr. Barlow was born on a farm in Lawrence county, Ohio, October 10, 1876, and is a son of William Ewing and Elizabeth Jane (Saunders) Barlow, the latter of whom was born in that same county, daughter of Joseph Saunders, and is still living, a resident of Albany, this county. The late William Ewing Barlow, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Missouri, a son of John Barlow, who was a veteran of the Mexican war. As a young man he moved to Ohio and was married in Lawrence county, where for some years thereafter he was engaged in farming. In the late '90s he located at Albany and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring when he was sixty-three years of age. He was a Republican and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His army service during the time of the Civil war was rendered as a member of an Ohio regiment and he took part in no fewer than thirteen battles and engagements of that war. To him and his wife were born twelve children, six sons and six daughters. Reared on the farm, Henry Alfred Barlow received his schooling in the common schools of his home neighborhood in Ohio and remained on the farm until he was twenty years of age. At the age of twenty-two, in 1898, he came to Indiana and at Albany, in this county, became engaged in the dairy business, a vocation he since has followed. He presently became a partner in the enterprise with which he was working at Albany and there remained for five or six years, at the end of which time he sought a wider field for his operations and moved to Muncie, where he became one of the organizers of the Campbell Ice Cream and Milk Company, with which he ever since has been connected, present vice-president of the company and superintendent of the extensive plant maintained by the concern at 1500 South Walnut street. At Albany, June 10, 1906, Henry Alfred Barlow was united in marriage to Wilmetta Young, daughter of Hardesty and Helen A. (Miller) Young, of that place, and to this union four children have been born, Helen E., who died in infancy;

Alfred Earl, Mary Jane and Thomas Ewing Barlow. Mr. and Mrs. Barlow are members of the Baptist church and are Republicans. Mr. Barlow is affiliated with the fraternal orders of the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of the Maccabees, and is an active member of the local camp of the Sons of Veterans at Muncie. Mrs. Barlow was born in Wells county, this state, of which county her mother also was a native. Her father, Hardesty Young, was born in Marshall county, West Virginia, and was fourteen years of age when he came to Indiana with his parents, the family settling in Wells county. After his marriage he became located at Albany and remained there until in 1909, when he moved to Muncie, where he since has made his home, connected with the operations of the Campbell Ice Cream and Milk Company. Of the four children born to him and his wife three are now living.

J. C. KINNEER, president of the Muncie Wheel Company, a concern in which he literally worked his way up from the humble position of a yard laborer to his present executive position, is a Kentuckian by birth but has been a resident of Indiana and of Muncie for more than a quarter of a century. Mr. Kinneer was born at Owensboro, Ky., May 10, 1873, and is a son of John A. and Mary E. Kinneer, both of whom also were born in Kentucky. Reared at Owensboro, J. C. Kinneer received his schooling in the schools of that city and upon leaving the grade school began working in a tobacco factory. He later went into the plant of the Owensboro Wagon Company and was there employed until he was twenty-two years of age, when he took up farming and was thus engaged for two years or until his marriage in July, 1897, when he came up into Indiana and located at Muncie, where he found employment as a laborer in the yards of the Muncie Wheel Company, his first work being the piling of spokes. Four or five months later he became employed in the blacksmith shop of the wheel works, welding tires, and was thus engaged for about five years, at the end of which time he was made foreman of the gear department of the works. Ten years later he was advanced to the position of superintendent of the plant and in 1920, following the death of O. B. Bannister, president of the company, and the consequent reorganization of the company, he was elected vice president. On January 1, 1923, following the resignation of H. B. Bannister, the new president, Mr. Kinneer was elected president of the Muncie Wheel Company and is now serving in that executive capacity, head of a concern the products of which have for years found a wide market in this country. This wheel works has

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been in operation for thirty-three years and has long been recognized as one of the well established concerns of this kind in the country, its plant in Ohio avenue having been improved and extended to meet the modern requirements of the trade. Mr. Kinneer is a Scottish Rite Mason, having attained the 32d degree in Freemasonry through the York Rite or Knights Templar. He also is affiliated with the Travelers Protective Association, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. On July 18, 1897, at Muncie, J. C. Kinneer was united in marriage to Elizabeth Frederick, daughter of H. J. and Henrietta Frederick of Owensboro, Ky., and to this union have been born four children, Katherine, Mary (who died at the age of nine years), Willa and Pauline. Mr. and Mrs. Kinneer are members of the First Methodist Protestant church and Mr. Kinneer is a member of the board of trustees of that congregation and superintendent of the Sunday school. The Kinneers reside at 1400 Kirby avenue.

DR. H. MEADE HAMILTON, veterinary surgeon at Muncie, and a veteran of the World war, was born on a farm in Fayette county, Indiana, June 6, 1888, and is a son of Frank S. and Ada M. (Boggs) Hamilton, both of whom also were born in Indiana, the former in Fayette county and the latter in Union county. With the exception of four years they have resided in Muncie since 1901. They are the parents of three children. H. Meade Hamilton was twelve years of age when his parents moved from Fayette county to Muncie and his schooling was completed in the schools of that city. He early was attracted to the profession of veterinary surgery and upon leaving the high school entered the Indiana Veterinary College at Indianapolis and at the age of twenty-one, in 1909, was graduated from that institution. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Hamilton returned to Muncie and became engaged in veterinary practice there in association with the old established veterinary, Dr. O. L. Boor, and was thus engaged until in 1912, when he accepted a call to take the chair of veterinary surgery and obstetrics in the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Ala. After one term as professor in this institution the Doctor decided that general practice was more congenial to his inclinations than school work and he left the Polytechnic and located at Paris, Ky., where he took up practice and was thus engaged there when this country took a hand in the World war. In January, 1918, he volunteered his services in the Veterinary Corps of the United States army and was stationed at Camp Greenleaf until his discharge on September 6 following. In the following April (1919) Doctor Hamilton returned to his former home at Muncie,

took over the old established practice of Doctor Boor and has ever since been engaged in practice at Muncie, of late making a specialty of the treatment of the ailments and injuries of the smaller animals, with offices at 215 West Gilbert street. Doctor Hamilton is a member of the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association and of the American Veterinary Association, has attained to the cryptic degree in Freemasonry (Royal and Select Masters) and is also a member of the local post of the American Legion and of the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He also is affiliated with the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and with the Kiwanis Club. In 1911 Dr. H. Meade Hamilton was united in marriage to Mildred L. Overmire, of Yorktown, this county.

GEORGE H. KOONS, former judge of the Delaware circuit court and for many years one of the leaders of the bar of that court, who died at his home in Muncie in the fall of 1919, left a good memory at his passing and it is but fitting that in the definite history of the county he so long served there should be carried some brief memorial of that life and service. The late Judge Koons was a native Hoosier, a fact of which he never ceased to be proud, and all his life was spent in this state, a resident of Muncie for forty-five years. He was born on a farm in Blue Ridge township in the neighboring county of Henry on April 2, 1848, and was the eldest of the seven children born to Peter and Catherine (Rinard) Koons, both of whom also were born in that same county, members of pioneer families there, the latter a daughter of George and Nancy Rinard, good memories of whom still persist in this section of Indiana, the Rev. George Rinard having been a local preacher of more than local note in his generation and a man of large personal influence in the formative period of the community in which he so long wrought well. Peter Koons was a son of George and Mary Koons, who had come in from South Carolina in pioneer days and had settled in Henry county, where Peter Koons became a substantial farmer, later moving to Richmond. Reared on the home farm in Henry county, George H. Koons was well schooled and at the age of fourteen years began to teach school, teaching and attending school alternately until he had completed the course in the Newcastle Academy and in Indiana University, meanwhile taking preparatory studies in law in a law office at Newcastle, and in 1871 was graduated from the law school of Indiana University. In the following fall he was married and in the next winter, as superintendent of the Middletown schools, he completed four years of service in that school and then began the prac-

tice of law at Newcastle, where he remained until in June, 1874, when he moved to Muncie, where the remainder of his life was spent, and where he attained an enviable position at the bar. In 1892, as the nominee of the Republican party, he was elected judge of the Delaware circuit court (Forty-sixth judicial circuit of Indiana) and for six years occupied that bench. Judge Koons was one of the organizers of the present Muncie Bar Association, of which his son, George Hickman Koons, now is president, and was the second president of that organization (1906-7). Upon his retirement from the bench he resumed his practice at Muncie and so continued until his death, October 17, 1919. His wife had preceded him to the grave about six years, her death having occurred in November, 1913. She also was born in Henry county, Josinah V. Hickman, and married George H. Koons on September 6, 1871. Mrs. Koons was for years a helpful influence in the social and cultural life of Muncie and was a writer of excellent verse. She was a daughter of William H. and Clarissa (Williams) Hickman, both members of pioneer families in Henry county and of colonial and Revolutionary stock, Mrs. Koons thus taking Revolutionary descent along two lines, from William Williams, a soldier of the Revolution and a descendant of Roger Williams, the Puritan reformer and founder of Rhode Island, and from Ezekiel Hickman, a captain in the Colonial army. Judge Koons and his wife were members of St. John's Universalist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were four of these children, namely: Mary Maude, who died in infancy; Clarissa K., wife of Gay R. Estabrook; Rebecca E., wife of Charles L. Langdon, and George Hickman Koons, who followed his father's footsteps in taking up the practice of law, was associated with his father in practice at the time of the latter's death and is now the president of the Muncie Bar Association. George Hickman Koons was born in Muncie on February 23, 1886, and in 1905 was graduated from the high school there. He then spent two years in Indiana University, taking the literary course and some law, preparatory to entrance into the law school of George Washington University at Washington, D. C., and in 1909 was graduated from this latter institution and at once became engaged in practice at Muncie in association with his father, the late Judge Koons, and since the death of the latter has been practicing alone, with offices at 312 the Wysor block. In 1922 Mr. Koons was elected president of the Muncie Bar Association. He is a Republican, is an active member of the Kiwanis Club and is affiliated with the college fraternities, Phi Gamma Delta and Phi

Delta Phi. On January 15, 1910, George Hickman Koons was united in marriage to Miriam B. Sterner, who was born in Washington, D. C., and to this union have been born two children, George Sterner and Helene Bauman Koons.

THOMAS PERRY MANN, assistant cashier of the Merchants National Bank of Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county and has resided here all his life with the exception of a few years spent in the West during the days of his young manhood. Mr. Mann was born on a farm in the near vicinity of Albany, this county, April 24, 1879, and is a son of Isaac and Mary Louisa (Krohn) Mann, the latter of whom was born in Albany, daughter of William F. and Maria (Pendroy) Krohn, who were among the early householders of that place. William F. Krohn was a native of Germany who had come to this country with his parents when a child and had grown up in Ohio, whence after his marriage he had come over here into Indiana and had settled at Albany, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. The late Isaac Mann was born in the vicinity of Leesburg, in Highland county, Ohio, June 12, 1834, and was two years of age when, in 1836, his parents, Warner and Elizabeth (Pavey) Mann, came with their family into Indiana and settled in Niles township, this county, thus having been among the pioneers of that township. Warner Mann was born in the state of Delaware and was but a lad when his parents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Blades) Mann, moved with their family to Ohio and became members of the Quaker settlement in Highland county, where they remained until their removal to Indiana and settlement in Niles township, this county, where their last days were spent. For some time after coming to this county in 1836 Warner Mann made his home in Niles township and then he bought a tract of land in Delaware township, a part of which tract is now included in the town corporation of Albany, and there he died at the age of forty-four years. His widow survived him many years and was eighty-four years of age at the time of her death. She was a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Pavey, Highland county Quakers. As has been observed, Isaac Mann was but two years of age when he came to Delaware county with his parents in 1836 and he grew up amid the conditions which faced the pioneers of the eastern part of this county. After his marriage he established his home on a farm adjoining the village of Albany, made excellent improvements there and on that place he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring in 1911 and hers, in 1916. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal

church and their children were reared in that faith. Of these children, seven grew to maturity, the subject of this sketch having four sisters, Mary, who married James Manor; Anna, who married R. St. John; Amelda, wife of George R. Strong, and Mrs. Gustina Stone, and two brothers, Carson M. and William W. Mann. Isaac Mann was a Republican and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Reared on the home farm on the outskirts of Albany, Thomas Perry Mann received his common schooling in the schools of that village and supplemented this by attendance at the Northern Indiana Normal University at Valparaiso and by a commercial course at the Normal Business College at Marion, Ind. He then went West and was for four years engaged in "prospecting around" in Washington and Oregon, engaged as a bookkeeper in various cities, including Spokane. He then returned home and became connected with the operations of the State Bank of Albany. In 1904 he transferred his connection to the Merchants National Bank of Muncie and has ever since been connected with that institution, a period of twenty years. In 1916 Mr. Mann was made assistant cashier of the bank. In 1912 Thomas Perry Mann was united in marriage to Eva M. Aldstadt and to this union two daughters have been born, Sarah Lou and Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Mann are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Mann is a Freemason and a Knight of Pythias. The Manns reside at 409 North Plum street.

ROBERT F. MURRAY, judge of the Grant-Delaware superior court, with residence at Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of two of the pioneer families of this section of Indiana, and has resided in this county all his life. Judge Murray was born on a farm in the vicinity of Selma in Liberty township, this county, August 1, 1884, and is a son of Capt. William H. and Margaret Jane (Orr) Murray, both now deceased, the latter of whom also was born in this county, October 13, 1844, a daughter of James Orr, of the Selma neighborhood and in his generation one of the foremost citizens of the county, which county he served both as a state senator and as a representative in the lower house of the Legislature, as is set out elsewhere in this work. The late Capt. William H. Murray, former auditor of Delaware county, was born in the neighboring county of Henry, January 11, 1840, and was a son of Cornelius B. and Lucinda (Burroughs) Murray, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Madison, a daughter of one of the real pioneers of that county. Cornelius B. Murray was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, a son of William Murray, who was

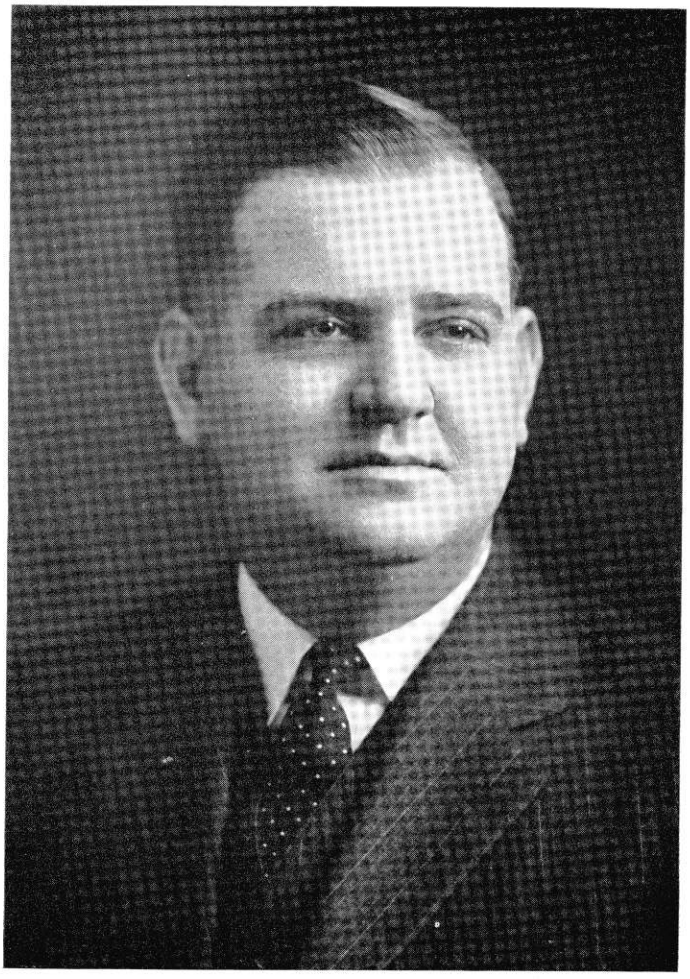
a son of William Murray, who came to this country from Ireland in colonial days and who rendered service to the colonies as a soldier of the Revolution. Cornelius B. Murray and Lucinda Burroughs were married in Randolph county, this state, in 1836 and about two years later settled on a farm in Henry county, where they remained until in 1864, when they returned to Randolph county. There Mrs. Murray died in 1873 and Cornelius B. Murray later moved to Wayne county, where his last days were spent. William H. Murray, son of this pioneer couple, was reared on the farm, became a school teacher and was twenty-one years of age when the Civil war broke out. On July 14, 1861, it becoming apparent by that time that the war was going to be something more than a mere "before breakfast" skirmish, he enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and went to the front as a private in Company K of the 19th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which gallant command he served for more than three years, receiving his discharge on September 4, 1864, by reason of disability incurred through a gunshot wound, and was honored with the brevet title of captain. A few months later, February 16, 1865, he married Margaret Jane Orr and became engaged in farming in the Selma neighborhood, resuming also his former winter vocation of teaching, and was thus engaged until in 1870, when he disposed of his farming interests and took up the mercantile business at Selma. Two years later he was elected trustee of Liberty township and served a term in that capacity. In 1878 he was elected county auditor and for four years served in that important public capacity. In the meantime he had disposed of his store at Selma and upon leaving the auditor's office returned to the farm near Selma, where he and his wife spent their last days, her death occuring on October 26, 1912, and his, March 15, 1915. They were the parents of seven children, these besides Judge Murray being Lulu M., James O., Don P., Margaret M., Arthur L. and Edna K. Reared on the home farm, Judge Murray received his schooling in the Selma schools and was graduated from the high school there in 1902. Later he entered the law school of Indiana University and in 1908 was graduated from that institution and at once became engaged in the practice of law at Muncie. Ten years later, in 1918, he was elected to the bench of the Grant-Delaware superior court, and in 1922 was re-elected to that judicial position, his service on the bench dating from January 1, 1919. Judge Murray is a member of the First Presbyterian church at Muncie, is a Scottish Rite (32°) and Knights Templar Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of

the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is also affiliated with the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a member of the college fraternities Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Kappa and was the first president of the Muncie Kiwanis Club. On June 10, 1911, Judge Murray married Charline Knapp, who was born in Muncie and who died on June 30, 1922.

DR. JOSEPH MILLER, a Muncie physician who has been engaged in practice in that city for about fifteen years, was born on a farm in the vicinity of Traders Point, eight or ten miles northwest of Indianapolis, in Marion county, this state, June 28, 1859, and is a son of John Wainwright and Celia (Dalton) Miller, the latter of whom was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, daughter of Wyatt Dalton, one of the pioneers of that county. John Wainwright Miller was born in the state of New Jersey in the year 1800, a son of John Miller, who also was born in that state and whose father was a native of Scotland. He grew to manhood in his native state and was there married. Some years later with his wife and four children he came to Indiana and settled at Centerville, in Wayne county, where his wife died. He later married Celia Dalton and moved to Marion county, where he became engaged in farming in the Traders Point neighborhood and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1868. His widow died not long afterward and thus Doctor Miller was early orphaned and thrown pretty largely upon his own resources in the way of creating a livelihood for himself, having been but nine years of age when his father died. Reared on the farm, he completed his common schooling at the old Traders Point Rural Academy and early became interested in the study of medicine. For two years he carried on these studies under the preceptorship of Dr. Lewis O. Carson at Traders Point and then, in 1881, the year after attaining his majority, he went to Missouri, with a view to "growing up with the country," and settled in Dunklin county, where he presently was licensed to practice medicine and where in the next year he married and "settled down." For five years Doctor Miller remained in Missouri and then he returned to Indiana and entered the old Central Medical College at Indianapolis, which later was merged with the Indiana Medical College, and took a course of two years of instruction there. Later he entered the Indiana Eclectic Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1893, and in the next year also received a diploma from the Curtis Physio-Medical College at Marion. Meantime, the Doctor had become engaged as a

building contractor at Indianapolis and while thus engaged erected the picturesque old stone building across the street north from the Capitol, designed by Doctor Allen as a Surgical Institute and now the Roosevelt hotel. He also built the Everett seed-store building in West Washington street, which is said to have been the first five-story building erected in Indianapolis. Not contented to abandon his profession, Doctor Miller resumed practice, opening an office at Ben Davis, a village just west of Indianapolis, and was there engaged in practice until in 1905, when he moved to Toledo and for two years was there engaged in the contracting business. In 1907 he returned to Indianapolis and was there engaged in medical practice for two years, at the end of which time, in 1909, he came to Muncie and has since been engaged in practice here, with present offices in No. 9 the Boyce block and residence at 1325 North Walnut street. In 1883, while living in Missouri, Dr. Joseph Miller was united in marriage to Alice Brown, who was born in that state and who died on February 2, 1924. Doctor Miller is a member of the Christian church. He has a son, Robert M. Miller, who was graduated from the Muncie high school with the class of 1924.

CHARLES DAVID TERHUNE, proprietor of a well equipped bakery and confectionery establishment at Muncie, has been a resident of that city since the days of his boyhood and literally "grew up" to the business in which he is now engaged. Mr. Terhune was born at Lawrenceburg, Ind., May 11, 1887, and is a son of Peter and Martha (Withrow) Terhune, the latter of whom also was born in Indiana, of English descent. She died some years ago. Peter Terhune, a retired railroad man now living in Muncie, was born in Ohio. He is of French stock, several generations removed from the Terhune who established the name in this country. To him and his wife were born six children, four sons and two daughters. In 1895 Peter Terhune moved from Lawrenceburg to Hagerstown, this state, and in 1903 came to Muncie with his family. Charles David Terhune thus was sixteen years of age when he became a resident of Muncie. He completed his schooling in the local high school and early became employed in a local bakery and confectionery shop, where he learned the business in all its details. For four years he worked in the Hinkley bakery and then became employed in the circulation department of the Muncie *Star* and was thus engaged for six years, or until in 1914, when he bought the Hinkley bakery and confectionery establishment and has since been engaged in business on his own account, with a well stocked and admirably equipped place at 219 South Wal-



CHARLES DAVID TERHUNE

nut street. In addition to manufacturing ice cream for his own trade Mr. Terhune has extended this line to meet as a wholesaler the demand for his product that has been created in the general trade hereabout and is yearly expanding his confectionery department to meet this growing trade, remodeling his place of business and installing new fixtures as the occasion requires in the way of business expansion. Mr. Terhune is an active member of the local Chamber of Commerce, of the Kiwanis Club, of the Ad Club and of the Travelers Protective Association. He is a 32° (Scottish Rite) and York Rite (Knights Templar) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is likewise affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1908 Charles D. Terhune was united in marriage to Sadie Andrews, daughter of Alonzo Andrews, of Muncie, and to this union two children have been born, a son, Charles, and a daughter, Betty Ruth. The Terhunes reside at 331 East Adams street.

MISS AZLIN O'CONNOR, secretary and treasurer of the Muncie Casket Company and purchasing agent and sales manager of the plant and operations of that company at Cleveland street and the Big Four railway tracks, has been a resident of Muncie for the past ten years and during that time has risen to a position in the industrial life of the city that helps amply to demonstrate the growing fitness and adaptability of women to the modern methods of commercialism and industrialism. Miss O'Connor was born at Indianapolis and is the daughter of Eugene and Lillian (Barbeau) Shirley, the former of whom, a Pennsylvanian, died when his daughter Azlin was a small child. Mrs. Lillian Shirley, who was born in Delaware county, in 1900 married Joseph O'Connor, of Indianapolis, and Azlin Shirley has since been known by the name of O'Connor. Joseph O'Connor, now living retired in Indianapolis, is a son of Michael O'Connor, the founder of the wholesale grocery firm of M. O'Connor & Company of that city and was for years actively associated with the operations of that concern. Miss O'Connor completed her schooling in the high school of St. Agnes Academy at Indianapolis, and later became a proficient commercial stenographer and office technician. In 1914 she came to Muncie as a stenographer in the office of the Muncie Casket Company and due to her progressive ideas and executive ability she was made a member of the board of directors and assistant manager of the company's operations here. In this dual position her capacity for effective office management became recognized and in 1919 she was elected secretary-treasurer of the

company and presently advanced to the executive position of general manager and is now serving in that capacity, one of the most active business women in eastern Indiana. Miss O'Connor is a Republican and is a member of Grace Episcopal church and of the Delta Theta Tau sorority. She resides at 102½ West Washington street.

REV. CHARLES ELLIOTT WATKINS, a minister of the Baptist church, former general secretary of the local Young Men's Christian Association and present assistant treasurer and supervisor of employment and personnel of the Muncie Products Division of the General Motors Corporation, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Indiana and of Muncie for the past twenty years, and has had wide experience in institutional and social welfare work in Muncie. Mr. Watkins was born in the historic old village of Huntsville, in Logan county, Ohio, May 26, 1876, and is a son of William Jasper and Sarah (Kelly) Watkins, both of whom were born in that same county, members of pioneer families there, the Watkinses having come from Pennsylvania and the Kellys from Virginia. William Jasper Watkins was a building contractor and his son Charles early was taught the rudiments of the carpenter's trade. In 1898 the family left Huntsville and moved to Dayton, Ohio, and it was in this latter city that Charles Elliott Watkins completed his schooling. He married when twenty-three years of age and continued to make his home at Dayton until 1904, in which year he came to Muncie and was for eighteen months thereafter connected with the Warner concern. In the meantime he had been pursuing his theological studies and in 1906 was installed as pastor of the South Walnut Street Baptist church. For six years Mr. Watkins continued in this pastoral relation and then he accepted the appointment of superintendent of evangelism for the Baptist church in Indiana, and in this capacity rendered service to the church in all parts of the state, continuing thus employed until in 1917, when he was appointed general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Muncie and in that important capacity rendered service to the community during the stressful period of this country's participation in the World war, as well as service in association with the welfare bureau of the State Council of Defense and in such other relations as his experience and tried capacities best fitted him for. In June, 1919, Mr. Watkins transferred his services to the personnel department of the great plant of the T. W. Warner Company, manufacturers of automobile parts at Muncie, and when this concern was taken over by the General Motors Corporation and the Muncie Prod-

ucts Division of this latter company was created he was retained as supervisor of employment and personnel and was made assistant treasurer of the concern, which dual position he since has occupied, his long experience in social welfare work giving him special qualifications for service in connection with the industrial and personnel relations of this great plant. Mr. Watkins is a Republican, a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and a member of the local Rotary Club. In 1920 he served as district governor of Rotary. In 1899, at Dayton, Ohio, the Rev. Charles Elliott Watkins was united in marriage to Cora L. Baldwin, of that city, and he and his wife have one child, a son, James Elwood Watkins, who was graduated from Purdue University and is now with the Merchants Trust Company of Muncie. During the time of this country's participation in the World war James Elwood Watkins received training in the Students Army Training Corps, received a commission as lieutenant at Ft. Sheridan and was sent to the S. A. T. C. of the University of California, whence he presently was transferred to the Agricultural College at Logan, Utah, and was there discharged when the war was over. He is a member of the local post of the American Legion.

WALTER LOSSON BALL, a member of the law firm, Leffler, Ball & Leffler, at Muncie, and former state senator from this district, is a native of the neighboring county of Blackford but has been a resident of Delaware county since the days of his infancy. He was born on a farm in Blackford county on January 16, 1869, and is a son of George M. and Susannah R. (Hale) Ball, the latter of whom, still living, was born in the neighboring county of Henry, daughter of Lafory Hale, a Virginian and a pioneer of Henry county. George M. Ball was born in Delaware county in 1844 and was a son of Samuel Ball, a member of one of the first families to settle in the southern part of this county. After his marriage George M. Ball located in Blackford county, where his first born child, the subject of this sketch, was born, but after a year or two of residence there returned to the old Ball neighborhood in the southern part of this county, where he became engaged in farming and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in March, 1879, he then being thirty-five years and eight months of age. His widow was left with six children, those besides the subject of this sketch, the eldest, being Joseph H., Claude C., John W., Clay A., and Mrs. Maud M. Ayres. Having been but ten years of age when his father died, Walter L. Ball was early thrown pretty largely upon his own resources in the way of making a livelihood, the management of the

farm devolving upon him in his youth. His common schooling was completed in the grade school at Springport and he there decided to go on when the opportunity offered. When twenty-one years of age Mr. Ball entered the old Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso and was for two years a student there, giving his particular attention to studies preparatory to taking up law. Thus equipped by preparatory study he then entered the law office of Gregory & Silverberg at Muncie and under this preceptorship was prepared for admission to the bar. In 1894, when twenty-five years of age, Mr. Ball was admitted to practice and has ever since been engaged in practice at Muncie, a period of thirty years. In 1895 Mr. Ball became associated in practice with Joseph G. Leffler, who three years later was elected judge of the Delaware circuit court. Upon Judge Leffler's retirement from the bench this association was renewed and has ever since been continued, the law firm now being Leffler, Ball & Leffler, with offices in the Nickey building. In 1896 Mr. Ball was elected to represent this joint senatorial district, which then comprised Delaware and Randolph counties, in the Indiana state Senate and in 1900 was re-elected, thus serving for eight years in the Senate. Mr. Ball is a Republican. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Improved Order of Red Men. In 1894 Walter L. Ball was united in marriage to Retha F. Taylor, who was born in Ohio but who was reared in Delaware county, daughter of William Taylor, who had a farm north of Muncie. Mr. and Mrs. Ball reside at 800 West Charles street. They have one child, a daughter, Ruth Lucile, wife of John W. Harker, cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank of Muncie.

WALTER L. NELSON, president and general manager of the City Ice and Cold Storage Company of Muncie, is a native of the old Blue Grass state but has been a resident of Indiana and of Muncie since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Nelson was born on a farm in Barren county, Kentucky, April 6, 1884, and is a son of Joseph A. and Lillie (Pace) Nelson, the latter of whom died when her son Walter was about six years of age. Joseph A. Nelson, who for many years has been engaged in the ice business at Muncie, was born in Cumberland county, Kentucky, April 4, 1863, and is a son of Nicholas C. and Amanda A. (Ferquin) Nelson, the former of whom also a native Kentuckian, was a millwright who lost his life by reason of an industrial accident when his son Joseph was but fourteen years of age, the eldest of nine children. Five years later the mother of these children also died and Joseph A. Nelson assumed charge of

the younger children. At the age of twenty he married Lillie Pace and continued farming in Kentucky until he was twenty-five years of age when he left the farm and moved to Indianapolis, where for four years thereafter he was employed as a street car conductor, and where his wife died about two years after they had taken up their residence there. Later he became engaged in the ice business at Indianapolis, but a year or two later, in 1893, he moved to Muncie, where he married Mrs. Emma (Thornburg) Kerr and where he ever since has resided, now living at 1700 West Jackson street. Upon coming to Muncie thirty years and more ago Mr. Nelson became manager of the Armstrong Ice Company. Later he organized the Crystal Ice Company and has since been in the ice business, now head of the J. A. Nelson Ice Company of Muncie. Following the death of his mother at Indianapolis, Walter L. Nelson was taken back to Kentucky by kinsfolk and was there cared for on a farm until he was twelve years of age, when he rejoined his father at Muncie, and it was here that he completed his schooling, leaving school at the age of sixteen to go to work in the Indiana iron mills. Not long afterward he began working on an ice wagon and two years later went to Litchfield, Ill., where he spent a year in a glass factory. Returning then to Muncie he became engaged here, at the age of twenty, in the ice business on his own account, dealing in lake ice, and presently became connected with the old Muncie Ice and Cold Storage Company, in the failure of which concern he lost all his savings and had to begin "at the bottom" again, resuming his former plan of retailing ice. In March, 1921, Mr. Nelson bought an ice plant at Newcastle and in the following June sold the same at a nice profit. He then took a prospecting trip through the West, going to the coast, looking for a place to open up in the ice business, but after considerable looking about came to the conclusion that there was no better town than Muncie. Upon his return here he became associated with his father and William Jordan and bought the old established Whiteley ice plant and organized the present City Ice and Cold Storage Company, of which he is the president and general manager, with a well equipped plant at 423 South Plum street, near the tracks of the Big Four railway. This ice plant has a manufacturing capacity of forty tons a day and a storage capacity of 2,000 tons. Mr. Nelson's confidence in the stability of Muncie's development is attested by his real estate transactions, he having acquired more than forty pieces of real estate in the city during the past few years. He is a 32° (Scottish Rite) Mason and a Knight Templar and a noble of the

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Muncie Exchange Club. In 1903 Walter L. Nelson was united in marriage to Maud Crossfield. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have three children, Evelyn, Roselyn and Betty Jane. The Nelsons reside at 708 West Main street.

CHESTER COLBY WINGATE, assistant cashier of the Merchants National Bank of Muncie, is a member of one of Delaware county's pioneer families. He was born on a farm in Niles township, this county, March 2, 1890, and is a son of David Wallace and Samantha Jane (Wilson) Wingate, the latter of whom is still living. She also was born in Niles township, May 27, 1858, and is a daughter of Alfred and Martha (Wright) Wilson, who were among the pioneers of that township. The late David Wallace Wingate also was born in Niles township, August 8, 1855, and was a son of James Wright and Belinda (Stewart) Wingate, who had come over here from Ohio. James Wright Wingate was born in the city of Dover, Del., July 20, 1815, and was a son of Philip and Sarah (Wright) Wingate, the former of whom also was born in Delaware and the latter in Maryland. Sarah Wright Wingate died in Delaware in 1821 and Philip Wingate married again and moved with his family to Highland county, Ohio, where he continued working at his trade as a wagon maker until in 1847, when he came to Indiana and started up in wagon making at Albany, in this county. He died at the home of his son, James W. Wingate, in Niles township, October 9, 1871, and was buried in Bethel cemetery. He had rendered service in the army during the time of America's second war for independence and on his tombstone are inscribed the words: "Lieutenant in the War of 1812." Mary, his second wife, had predeceased him twenty years, her death having occurred on July 20, 1851. She also is buried in Bethel cemetery. By his two marriages Philip Wingate was the father of ten children, eight sons and two daughters. James Wright Wingate was but a lad when his father moved with his family from Delaware to Ohio and he grew up in Highland county in the latter state. On March 30, 1837, he married Belinda Stewart, daughter of James and Sophia (Chew) Stewart, of Fayette county, Ohio, and after his marriage made his home at Monroe, in that state, where he worked at his trade as a carpenter until in 1852, when he came to Indiana with his family and settled on a farm in Niles township, this county, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death having occurred on May 1, 1901. His wife had long predeceased him, her

death having occurred on February 21, 1875. Both are buried in Bethel cemetery. They were the parents of eleven children, ten sons and one daughter, David Wallace Wingate having been the tenth in order of birth of these children. James Wright Wingate was for years the trustee of Niles township. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he was for years one of the trustees and a steward of his local congregation. He also was a Knight Templar Mason. Starting in there in the woods in Niles township on an eighty-acre tract in 1852 he kept enlarging his land holdings until he came to be the owner of nearly 700 acres of land. It was on that pioneer farm in Niles township that David Wallace Wingate grew to manhood. After his marriage he continued farming in Niles township until in 1897, when he disposed of his interests there and bought a farm in Hamilton township. On this latter place he established his home and spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on February 23, 1921. David Wallace Wingate was a Republican and for six years served as trustee of Hamilton township. He also was for years a member of the directorate of the Farmers State Bank of Eaton. He was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Improved Order of Red Men and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is his widow, and their children were reared in that faith. Of the children born to this parentage three are now living, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Martha, wife of David F. Burt, and Oletha, wife of Ira Kain. Chester Colby Wingate was but seven years of age when his parents moved from the Niles township farm to their new home in Hamilton township and he grew up in the latter township. He was graduated from the Royerton high school, then spent a year in Wabash College and later entered the normal school at Muncie, from which he was graduated. For two years Mr. Wingate taught school and then he became engaged in the insurance business at Albany, also handling real estate. Two years later he sold this business and became the assistant cashier of the Albany State Bank and was thus connected for two years and a half, at the end of which time, on June 17, 1918, he transferred his services to the Merchants National Bank of Muncie and has since been connected with that institution. In 1920 he was made assistant cashier of this bank and has since been serving in that capacity. On June 10, 1914, Chester Colby Wingate was united in marriage to Genevieve Axtell, who was born at Cochranton, Pa., but was reared at Erie, Pa., where her parents, James W. and Elizabeth Axtell, are now living, and to this union two children have been

born, a daughter, Bettie Jane, and a son, James Wallace Wingate. Mr. and Mrs. Wingate are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are Republicans, and Mr. Wingate is a Freemason. The Wingates reside at 626 West Main street.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CROMER, former representative in Congress from this district, former mayor of the city of Muncie, former prosecuting attorney for the Forty-sixth Indiana judicial circuit and for nearly forty years engaged in the practice of law at Muncie, was born in the neighboring county of Madison, but has been a resident of Delaware county and of Muncie since the days of his infancy. Mr. Cromer was born on May 13, 1856, and was thus but an infant when in the summer of that same year his parents, Josiah and Mary (Shultz) Cromer, came over into Delaware county and settled on a quarter-section farm in Salem township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the former living to be seventy-five years of age and the latter to about the same age. Josiah Cromer was born in Pennsylvania, a son of George Cromer, and in the days of his young manhood came out into Indiana and presently, in Wayne county, married Mary Shultz, who was born in the Hagerstown neighborhood in that county, a daughter of Martin Shultz and wife, who were of the Dunkard faith. Josiah Cromer was reared in the English Lutheran faith. After their marriage Josiah Cromer and his wife located in Madison county, where they remained until they took up their location in Delaware county in 1856, as noted above. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Sarah Jane, Rush Henry, Martin Luther, Jeremiah C., Ida (who died in infancy), Emma F. and Dora. Reared on the home farm in Salem township, George W. Cromer received his schooling in the local schools and when little more than a boy began to teach school, a vocation he followed during the winters for two years, after which he entered Indiana University and in 1882 was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the meantime he had been taking preparatory studies with the view to entering the law as a profession and upon leaving the university entered the law office of Josiah Mellette at Muncie for a season of practical study along that line, and in 1886 was admitted to the bar. In that same year he was elected, as the nominee of the Republican party, to the office of prosecuting attorney for this judicial district and in 1888 was re-elected, thus serving in this important public capacity for four years. In 1894 he was elected mayor of the city of Muncie and in that administrative capacity

served for four years. By this time Mr. Cromer was beginning to be recognized as a force in the political activities of this part of the state and in 1898 he was made the nominee of his party for representative in Congress from this (the Eighth) congressional district. He was elected and so satisfactory did his services prove in that high legislative body that he was successively re-elected in 1900, in 1902 and in 1904 and thus served for eight years in Congress. Upon the expiration of his term of service in Congress Mr. Cromer resumed his law practice in Muncie and has ever since been thus engaged. In 1912 he formed a partnership for practice with Harry Long, under the firm name of Cromer & Long, and this arrangement continued until in 1921, since which time Mr. Cromer has been practicing alone, with offices in the Western Reserve Life Insurance building. He still retains all of his old time interest in politics and is still recognized as a force in the party's councils in this state. Mr. Cromer is a member of the English Lutheran church and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which latter order he is a past exalted ruler, and also has some other lodge affiliations. In 1894 he was married to Frances Soules, a native of Canada, and a legal separation of this union ensued in 1910. The union was without issue.

GEORGE W. PFEIFFER, assessor in and for Center township, in which important office he now is serving his second term, has been a life-long resident of Muncie. Mr. Pfeiffer was born in Muncie in the year 1866 and is a son of John and Sarah (Nutts) Pfeiffer, the latter of whom was born in the city of London, county seat of Madison county, Ohio. John Pfeiffer was a European by birth, born in the city of Darmstadt, capital of the then grandduchy of Hesse-Darmstadt, where he grew up and learned the trade of shoemaker. As a young man he came to America and was thus living here when the Civil war broke out. He enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and served as a private in the 84th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and while thus serving was wounded in action. Upon the completion of his military service he established his home in Muncie and was here for many years engaged in business as a shoemaker. To him and his wife were born three children, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Alta and Mamie. Reared at Muncie, George W. Pfeiffer received his schooling in the schools of that city and early became a druggist, a vocation he followed for years or until his election in 1918 to the office of assessor of Center

township, the township in which Muncie is situated. So satisfactory did Mr. Pfeiffer's service in the administration of this important office prove that he was re-elected in 1922 and is now serving his second term as assessor. Beginning in 1919 he also rendered further public service as president of the local board of health. Mr. Pfeiffer is a member of the order of Knights of Pythias. His wife, Dollie V. Lewis, is a daughter of John and Emma Lewis, of Anderson, Ind., formerly of Niles, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer have three daughters, Mary, Dorothy Jane and Betty Lucille.

ROY M. THOMAS, president of the Thomas Auto Top Company of Muncie and general manager of the extensive plant built up by that concern within the past few years, is a Delaware county boy who has succeeded because he had confidence in his ability to swing the job which he undertook when a mere lad. He knew the quality of the product he was putting out and his confidence in that quality soon created a market which has gradually expanded until now the Thomas products have a definitely fixed place in the lines they cover. Mr. Thomas was born at Albany, this county, in 1896, and is a son of H. K. and Lorena (Wingate) Thomas, both members of old families in this county. In 1908 the Thomases moved to Muncie and Roy M. Thomas, then twelve years of age, completed his schooling in the schools of this city . As a mere boy he became attracted to the possibilities opening out in the then rapidly developing automobile industry and got a job in a local garage which also made a specialty of trimming. To this latter line he gave his special attention and in 1911, when but fifteen years of age, he started out on his own, opening a shop in a small room in North Walnut street and with a couple of helpers set himself up in business as a repairer of automobile tops. This was the beginning of the present extensive plant of the Thomas Auto Top Company. Roy Thomas's early customers became aware that quality was behind his work and the little shop soon outgrew its original quarters and was moved to a larger room in West Main street. Mr. Thomas added to his trimming department the manufacture of radiator and hood covers and found a ready market for these in the retail trade, gradually extending this trade to supply calls made upon him by dealers. In 1916 he found it necessary again to seek larger quarters and he moved his shop to a building in East Main street, where he increased the number of his products by adding the manufacture of tire and seat covers. And still his business grew. The next move was into a building in East Jackson street, where with more ample facilities for production, he increased

his line of goods and entered upon a system of distribution through dealers only. In 1919 he bought the two-story building at 316 North Mulberry street with a view to remodeling the same and adding another story for factory purposes, but before this reconstruction work was finished it became necessary again to seek larger quarters and he moved his shop to a building at 108 North Mulberry street, where the business was carried on until in May, 1920, when he was able to occupy his present quarters, the reconstructed building of three stories, at 316 same street. From the force of two helpers with which Mr. Thomas started in business his production force has grown until now 135 persons are employed in the plant, and from the original plan of trimming auto tops the variety of products of the plant has expanded until it now includes no fewer than twenty-five items, the chief of which are top recovering equipment, curtains, one-man tops, radiator covers, seat covers and other accessories of a like character, distribution of which now is made through jobbers only. And thus another product which has entered the market in a large way is helping to keep Muncie on the map as an important manufacturing center. Mr. Thomas is a Freemason and is president of the City Golf Club. In 1918 he married Maybel E. Littleton, daughter of S. E. Littleton, of Winchester, Ind., and to this union one child has been born, a son, Robert. Mr. Thomas and his family reside on McCulloch boulevard at Elm street.

DR. G. S. MacKAY, one of the younger of Muncie's dental surgeons, is a Canadian by birth but an American by choice and adoption and has been a resident of Muncie since 1920. Doctor MacKay was born at Kincardine, in the province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada, December 26, 1894, and is a son of the Rev. George and Isabella (Ginn) MacKay, both of whom also were born in Canada, of Scottish descent. The Rev. George MacKay, a Presbyterian clergyman, is now living retired at Kincardine. Three of his sons are dentists, Dr. G. S. MacKay having two brothers, Dr. Alexander R. MacKay, of Detroit, Mich., and Dr. Edward R. MacKay, of Biggar, Saskatchewan, also practicing this profession. The Doctor also has three sisters, Christina, Florence and Mae, and two other brothers, John and Grant MacKay. Reared at Kincardine, G. S. MacKay was graduated from the high school there in 1914 and in the following year entered the Ohio College of Dental Surgery at Cincinnati, from which institution he was graduated in 1918. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor MacKay located at Indianapolis and in the office of Doctor McGrail in that city was engaged in practice for two years,

at the end of which time he came to Muncie and has since been engaged in practice here, with offices at 206-7 the Wysor block, corner Main and Walnut streets. In 1921 Doctor MacKay took a post-graduate course at the Dunlap Research Institute at Chicago, in 1922 attended a further post-graduate course in gas anesthesia under Doctor Guedel in the City Hospital at Indianapolis and has recently completed a course in scientific construction of artificial dentures under Dr. Ewell Neil, of Memphis, Tenn., who is head of the research department of the University of Tennessee. The Doctor is a member of the Muncie Dental Association and is affiliated with the dental college fraternity, Xi Psi Phi. He and his wife, who before her marriage was Theodocia Dake, of Indianapolis, are members of the Presbyterian church.

CHESTER A. FRICK, secretary and general manager of the Glascock Bros. Manufacturing Company of Muncie and a veteran of the World war, was born in Defiance, Ohio, in 1888, and is a son of O. A. and Millie (Otis) Frick, the former of whom is engaged in the manufacture of wagons at Defiance. Reared at Defiance, Chester A. Frick supplemented the schooling he received in the public schools of that city by a course in Defiance College and then became interested in the automotive industries, with particular reference to the technical details of the manufacturing end of this important and growing industry. He acquired a technical education and then became employed as superintendent of the works of the Trumbull Wagon Company at Defiance, Ohio. From there he went to the plant of the Hudson Motor Company at Detroit, where he for some time served as assistant superintendent of that plant, later being made production manager in the great plant of the Continental Motors Corporation at Detroit. When this country took a hand in the World war Mr. Frick enlisted his services in behalf of the automotive production section of the Ordnance Department of the army and in that highly technical post rendered service until the close of the war, after which he became connected with the automotive industries of Muncie, taking part in the operations of the Glascock Bros. Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of automobile bodies, both open and closed, a product which has developed a wide market, with a well established and admirably equipped plant at Fifth and Perkins streets. Following are the officers of this company: President, C. S. Davis; vice-president, R. P. Johnson; treasurer, W. E. Hitchcock; secretary and general manager, Chester A. Frick. In 1906 Chester A. Frick married May Conrad, of Defiance, Ohio, and to this union have been born three children,

Marjorie, Richard and Jack. Mr. and Mrs. Frick are members of the Presbyterian church. They reside at 300 North Vine street.

CHARLES E. McKIBBIN, veteran dealer in paints and oils at Muncie and one of the best known men in that line of trade in eastern Indiana, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Muncie for more than forty years. Mr. McKibbin was born at North Madison, in Jefferson county, Indiana, July 11, 1862, and is a son of Charles and Sarah (Tull) McKibbin, the former of whom, a veteran of the Civil war, was a pioneer Indiana railroad man, a locomotive engineer on the old Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis railroad, the first railroad built in Indiana. In 1871 Charles McKibbin moved from North Madison to Columbus, Ind., and was making his home there when two years later, in 1873, he was killed in a railway accident. Charles E. McKibbin was nine years of age when his parents moved to Columbus and was eleven when his father met his death. Later he made his home with kinsfolk at Roann, in Wabash county, and in the schools of that village completed his schooling. He early was thrown pretty largely upon his own resources in the matter of making a living, and "worked around" until he was twenty years of age, when, in 1882, he came to Muncie looking for a permanent "job." It was in December that Mr. McKibbin reached Muncie and he found jobs mighty scarce. The Muncie of forty years ago, before natural gas introduced the town to the world, was a place vastly different from the city of today. The first money Mr. McKibbin earned in the town was $1 for painting a fence. It was not until in July following his arrival in town that he was able to "land" a steady job. This was at the transfer station of the American Express Company, a job necessitating his presence at the arrival of every express train coming into town, night and day. For six years he held down that job and then was promoted to the position of a railway express messenger. Three years later he was made baggage master in the local station of the Big Four Railway Company at Muncie and continued thus employed for two years, at the end of which time, in 1893, he became employed in the glass manufacturing plant of the Maring-Hart company. For ten years Mr. McKibbin continued his connection with this concern and then, in 1903, he became engaged in business on his own account, opening a paint store at 215 East Jackson street. This business prospered and ten years later, in 1913, recognizing the necessity of larger quarters, Mr. McKibbin moved his store to his present location in the Boyce block in East Main street, where he since has been located

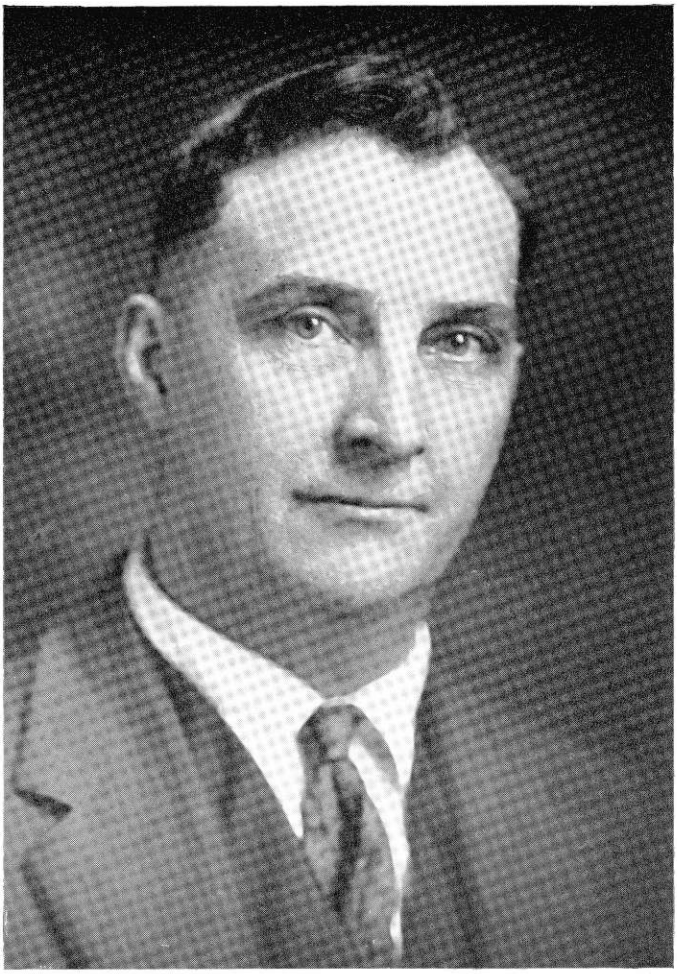
and where he has the largest exclusive paint store in town, his store room being 32 by 125 feet in dimension, and his stock covering all essentials in that line of trade, including paints, oils, varnishes, builder's glass and the like. Mr. McKibbin is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. Charles E. McKibbin married Martha K. Meeker, daughter of John and Catherine Meeker, of Muncie, and he and his wife have two children, a daughter, Florence M., and a son, Kenneth M. McKibbin, the latter of whom married Lois VanArsdal and has two children, Van Edwin and Joanne. Florence M. McKibbin married L. M. Long and has two children, Martha Sue and Lewis Clark Long. Mr. and Mrs. McKibbin reside at 405 North Plum street.

GEORGE C. STETTER, secretary and treasurer and general manager of the Muncie Cap and Set Screw Company and also actively identified with the automobile sales industry at Muncie, was born at Muncie on September 25, 1897, and is a son of John and Ivy B. (Morris) Stetter, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. George C. Stetter received his common schooling in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Muncie and was graduated from the Muncie high school, after which he entered Purdue University and in 1920 was graduated from that institution. Upon returning from the university Mr. Stetter became connected with the operations of the Muncie Cap and Set Screw Company, was elected secretary and treasurer of the same and has since been actively connected with the operations of that thriving industry at the plant of the same at the corner of Willard street and Hoyt avenue. Mr. Stetter also is the president of the Factory Tire Store (Inc.), whose sales room is at 123 West Adams street, and is a member of the board of directors of the Oakland-Nash-Cadillac Company, whose automobile sales room is located at 308 West Main street, and is thus an active factor in the local automobile sales activities of this community, as well as in the general industrial activities of the city. He is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, the Country Club and the national college fraternity Kappa Sigma, and is likewise affiliated with the Freemasons and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. On November 2, 1921, George C. Stetter was united in marriage to Katharine F. Johnson, who also was born at Muncie, daughter of J. E. and Winifred (Smith) Johnson, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Winifred. Mr. and Mrs. Stetter are members of the Presbyterian church. They reside at 925 East Washington street.

FRANK T. PARK, superintendent of the Yorktown schools and a veteran of the World war, has been engaged in educational and personnel work all his active life. Mr. Park was born on a farm in Wells county, Indiana, July 12, 1890, and is a son of W. H. and Martha Park, who later became residents of Bluffton, county seat of that county. Frank T. Park received his first four years of schooling in a one-room district school in the neighborhood of the home farm and then entered the grade school in the village of Murray, near Bluffton, and was graduated from the eighth grade there. His parents then moved to Bluffton and he was graduated from the high school in that city in 1911. Thus qualified for entrance upon the educational career to which he had devoted himself, he began teaching in the rural schools of his home county and was thus engaged for five years during the summers of these years attending four terms at normal school and one at Indiana University. He then became teacher of history and manual training in the high school at Petroleum and in the following year was made principal of the high school at Dana, in Vermillion county, and was thus serving when this country took a hand in the World war. Resigning his position as principal in the second year of such service, Mr. Park enlisted his services in behalf of the army in March, 1917, and was assigned to service in the personnel department of the headquarters company of the great Depot Brigade at Camp Taylor, where he served, with the exception of six weeks spent at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss., until his honorable discharge in March, 1919, the war then being over. In the meantime, in 1917, in pursuance of his studies, Mr. Park had been graduated from the old Muncie National Institute and upon the completion of his military service resumed his educational work, in the summer of 1919, being appointed superintendent of the Yorktown schools, the position he since has occupied, entering upon his duties in that responsible connection in the fall of that year. In the following summer Mr. Park received his degree of Bachelor of Philosophy from the Eastern Division of the Indiana State Normal School at Muncie and during the summers of 1921-23 attended Columbia University working for his Master degree. When Mr. Park took charge of the Yorktown schools in 1919 there was an enrollment of 42 in the high school. The past school year showed an enrollment of 104 in the senior high school. The enrollment in the lower grades of the Yorktown schools in 1919 was 244; current year, 272. In the fall of 1920 Mr. Park inaugurated the six-year high school at Yorktown, which in 1923 was duly accredited by the

state department of education. With characteristic energy Mr. Park set about a general reconstruction of school facilities at Yorktown upon taking charge there and in 1922 secured the remodeling and extension of the school building, erected in 1898, by the building of an addition to take care of a combined auditorium and gymnasium, a high school assembly room, library, rest room, office and four additional class rooms. Mr. Park now has twelve teachers under his charge. Since he became superintendent the course of study in the high school has been extended to include bookkeeping, Bible study, sociology, economics, commercial architecture, commercial geography and high school credit for music, a director of the orchestra and a supervisor of music having been added to the teaching staff. The course in the junior high school now includes general science and civics. The Yorktown schools have been put on a thoroughly up-to-date basis. Frank T. Park married Blanche Janney, daughter of Lon Janney and a member of the pioneer Janney family of this county.

ROY C. SHANNON, head of the Shannon Furniture Company of Muncie, was born on a timber farm in Darke county, Ohio, October 22, 1873, and is a son of Hugh A. and Ida Z. (Evans) Shannon, the latter of whom was born in Blackford county, Indiana. Hugh A. Shannon was a poor timberman and small farmer. He was born in Darke county, a member of one of the pioneer families of that county, and made his home there after his marriage. He and his wife had eleven children and circumstances sometimes were pretty bad for them, so much so that the schooling of the children was not made much of. It was thus that Roy C. Shannon never attended school, not even one day, and he was permitted to grow up without even an elemental education, so far as the work of a school teacher was concerned. But by the application of his own efforts and personal study he learned to read and write and thus had mastered the "rudiments" before the time came when he was to go into business for himself. With that big household of children and the need of each one helping out in the way of a livelihood for the family, he began working for himself when thirteen years of age, taking employment on an Ohio farm at a wage of $5 a month. At the age of fifteen he came over into Indiana and at Union City began to work in a carriage factory, where it was not long until he became a skilled carriage painter and where he remained until his marriage at the age of twenty-one. He then set up housekeeping in Union City and went to work contracting painting for the Bowen Carriage Company, presently moving from



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there to Anderson, where for two years he was employed in various factories. In 1895 Mr. Shannon became engaged in the second-hand furniture business at Anderson, in association with A. N. King, the two doing business under the name of the Shannon Furniture Company, and so continued until this partnership was dissolved and Mr. Shannon began working for the Chicago Salvage Company. A year later he resumed business on his own account, resuming his interest in the furniture business, and remained at Anderson until in 1909, when he moved to Muncie and established himself here in the second-hand furniture line, doing business as the Shannon Furniture Company, and has since been engaged in business in Muncie, now having a well stocked place at 118-124 West Washington street. Mr. Shannon also has other interests in Muncie and has done well in business, these interests including a restaurant, a barber shop and a meat market, besides real estate of considerable value. It was in 1895, at Union City, Ind., that Roy C. Shannon was united in marriage to Melvina Lawrence. Of the eleven children born to this union, eight are living, Leverna, Ethel, Susann, Blanche, Franklin, Hugh, Raymond and Andrew. Leverna Shannon married Charles Brown and has one child, Galenda. Ethel Shannon married Benjamin Jones and has two children, Norvin and Benjamin, Jr., and Susann Shannon married Horace Hinshaw and has one child, a daughter, Imogene.

PROF. CARL SCHULTZ, proprietor of the Schultz Sanitarium at Muncie and a resident of that city for the past fifteen years and more, was born at Moline, Ill., August 27, 1882, and is a son of William and Anna Schultz, both of whom were born in Germany. William Schultz came to this country as a young man and after his marriage established his home at Moline, Ill., where he for some time was engaged in horticultural pursuits. He later became engaged in the hotel business there and was thus engaged until his removal to Dallas, Tex., where he now is proprietor of the Schultz hotel. Reared at Moline, Carl Schultz received his early schooling there and then entered the Rock Island School of Natural Therapeutics, from which institution he was graduated in 1904. Upon receiving his diploma, Professor Schultz opened an office for the practice of his profession at St. Paul, Minn., where he remained for three years, or until in 1908, when he came to Indiana and took over the old Muncie Sanitarium and has since been engaged in business here, his establishment being located at 114 North Elm street. The Professor specializes in the treatment of neuritis, sciatica, lumbago, stiff and swelling joints, kidney, liver and stomach trouble, rheumatism and disorders of the

nerves by natural methods. He is a member of the Illinois Naturopathic Association. In 1903, at Davenport, Iowa, Prof. Carl Schultz was united in marriage to Catherine Carsten, daughter of Henry Carsten, and to this union two sons have been born, Harold Carsten, born in 1905, and Carl Marbin, 1911. The Schultzes reside at 1024 East Main street. Professor and Mrs. Schultz are Republicans and the Professor is a Freemason of high degree and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Muncie Ad Club and he and his family are affiliated with the Lutheran church.

OTIS EDGINGTON, secretary and treasurer of the Props-Dunn Motor Company, dealers in automobiles, Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the old families of this county, and has lived here all his life, a resident of Muncie since 1915. Mr. Edgington was born in the historic old river village of Granville on April 2, 1869, and is a son of William and Cornelia (Sloniker) Edgington, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a member of the pioneer Sloniker family that found settlement in this county in the '30s of the past century. The first of the Slonikers in this country came from Holland and the family was established in Pennsylvania, whence the local branch of the family came into Indiana out of Ohio. The Edgingtons are of English-Welsh stock and became established in Ohio out of North Carolina. William Edgington was born in Adams county, Ohio, and came into Indiana in 1865, locating at Granville, where after his marriage he established his home and became engaged in mercantile business. Otis Edgington supplemented the schooling received in the public schools of this county by a course in the Central Indiana Normal School at Danville and then became engaged as a teacher in the schools at Eaton. He presently became engaged as a bookkeeper in the Eaton State Bank and from there went into the offices of the Western Flint Glass Company at Eaton and was thus engaged for about ten years, or until in 1915, when he became connected with the organization of the Props-Dunn Motor Company at Muncie, was elected secretary-treasurer of that company, and has since been engaged in business here in that capacity, office manager of this concern at 110-114 East Gilbert street. Mr. Edgington is a Democrat. He is a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and is also affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men. On October 15, 1892, Otis Edgington was united in marriage to Lucy V. Dragoo, who also was born in this county, daughter of John and Rhoda (Long) Dragoo, and a member of the pioneer Dragoo family in this county,

and to this union have been born two sons, twins, Eugene and Glen Edgington. Mr. and Mrs. Edgington are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Eaton.

MARION S. FINK, a substantial farmer and landowner of Harrison township, residing on Pleasant Run road, rural mail route No. 1 out of Yorktown, has been a resident of this county for nearly twenty-five years. Mr. Fink was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of the city of Zanesvile, in Muskingum county, Ohio, June 17, 1869, and is a son of Jacob and Julia (Drumm) Fink, the latter of whom was born in that same county, a member of one of the pioneer families there. The late Jacob Fink also was born in Ohio, a son of Jacob Fink, Sr., and was reared in Muskingum county, where after his marriage he established his home and came to be a well-to-do farmer, the owner of a farm of 390 acres, and there he spent his last days, his death occurring in 1915. Of the nine children born to him and his wife all but one grew to maturity and of these latter all are living save one son, Emanuel, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Ella, Anna and Mattie, and four brothers, Enoch, Dellard, Harvey and Edward Fink. Reared on the home farm in Muskingum county, Marion S. Fink received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and until his marriage remained on the farm with his father. After his marriage at the age of twenty-five he began farming on his own account as a renter and made his home in Ohio until in 1900 when he moved with his family to Indiana and rented a farm in Harrison township, this county. In 1914 Mr. Fink bought the farm of ninety-two acres on which he is now living, on Pleasant Run road in that township and has since made his home there, engaged in general farming. Since taking possession of this place Mr. Fink has made numerous improvements on the farm, including the erection of an up-to-date dwelling house in 1916. On December 13, 1894, Marion S. Fink was united in marriage to Mary I. Conn, who also was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, a daughter of Isaac and Louisa (Fletcher) Conn, and to this union seven children have been born, Ola, Leona, Ivan, Roy, Pearl, Leslie and Esther, four of whom are married. Leona Fink married Homer Isley, of Harrison township, and has one child, a son, Ralph. Ivan Fink married Edna Hofherr and has three children, Robert and Rodney (twins) and Harold. Roy Fink married Laura Dragoo and has one child, a son, Thomas. Another child born of this union, a daughter, Esther, is deceased. Pearl Fink married John Ferguson, of the Gaston neighborhood, and has one child, a son, John Russell. Mr.

Fink is a Republican and a member of the Indiana Farm Federation. He also is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having been inducted into that order years ago in Horicon lodge, No. 192, I. O. O. F., at Gratiot in Licking county, Ohio.

DONALD D. HENSEL, a member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court, associated in practice with Frederick F. McClellan and Leonidas A. Guthrie, under the firm name of McClellan, Hensel & Guthrie, at Muncie, and a former secretary of the Muncie Commercial Club, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Indiana and of Muncie for more than twenty years. Mr. Hensel was born on a farm in the vicinity of Eaton, in Preble county, Ohio, December 17, 1874, and is a son of Michael K. and Elizabeth A. (Lyons) Hensel, both natives of Pennsylvania, who were married in that state. Michael K. Hensel served as a soldier of the Union during the whole period of the Civil war, having re-enlisted at the expiration of his first term of service, and after his marriage moved to Ohio and settled on a farm in the Eaton neighborhood. He was an active Republican, was called to fill several local offices in his home county, served two terms as a representative in the Ohio General Assembly and in 1892 was elected on the Republican electoral ticket in Ohio. He was an active member of his local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and he and his wife were Methodists, in which faith their children were reared. Four of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was next to the eldest, grew to maturity. Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Eaton, Donald D. Hensel began to teach school at the age of sixteen years and during the winters was for five years thus engaged, meantime taking two years of schooling in Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. He then entered Ohio State University and secured his Ph. B. degree there, following this by a year in the university law school, after which, in October, 1902, he came to Muncie and entered the law office of Silverburg & Lotz for a course of practical study of the law, and in 1903 was admitted to the bar. In the next year he formed an association with Frederick F. McClellan for practice at Muncie, under the firm name of McClellan & Hensel, and later Leonidas A. Guthrie became a partner in this firm, which is now McClellan, Hensel & Guthrie, with offices at 123½ West Main street. Mr. Hensel is a Republican and has ever taken a good citizen's interest in public affairs. He is treasurer of the Muncie Bar Association and also takes a proper interest in the general social and commercial activities of the community and for three years (1910-11-12) served as secretary of the Muncie Commercial Club. He

and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. In 1909 Donald D. Hensel was united in marriage to Mabel Meeker, of Muncie, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Rachel Louise.

MYRON H. GRAY, a member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court, a member of the law firm of Silverburg, Bracken & Gray, was born at Daleville, in this county, September 17, 1881, a son of Milton and Jeannettia (Griffis) Gray, of whom further mention is made in this work, and was eight years of age when his parents moved with their family to Muncie, where he received his early schooling, and in 1900 was graduated from the Muncie high school. Upon leaving high school, Mr. Gray entered the University of Michigan and in 1904 received from that institution his A. B. degree. He then entered the law school of Harvard University, where he pursued his law studies for two years, and in 1905 was admitted to the bar and took up the practice of law in association with the law firm of Bingham & Long at Muncie. This association continued for a year, and then he began practice alone, but two years later, in 1908, formed his present association with Adolph C. Silverburg and Thomas E. Bracken, and has since been practicing as a member of the firm of Silverburg, Bracken & Gray, with offices in the Willard building, 104½ East Main street. This firm is retained to look after the local law business of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and of the Lake Erie & Western Railroad Company and Mr. Gray's time is largely given to the practice of railroad, banking and corporation law, though he also is found active in attention to civil cases in the courts of this and adjoining counties and in the United States court at Indianapolis. He is an active member of the Muncie Bar Association. Mr. Gray was a member of the executive committee of the board of directors of the old Union National Bank of Muncie and in 1920 assisted in the consolidation of that bank with the Merchants National Bank, and is now a member of the executive committee of the board of that bank and of the Merchants Trust and Savings Company. He also is a member of the board of governors of the Muncie Home Hospital and is secretary of the board. In his fraternal relations he is a York Rite (Knights Templar) and Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and he and his wife are members of St. John's Universalist church. On July 31, 1907, Myron H. Gray was united in marriage to Marie Frances Smith, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of S. N. Smith, now of Muncie, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Drexa.

JOHN JACOB ERTHER, who died at his home in Yorktown in the summer of 1923, had been a resident of that place for nearly sixty-five years and thus had been a witness to and a participant in the development of the town almost from the beginning, for it was only a few years after the railroad had been completed through there that he arrived in the town, which ever after was his place of residence and in the development of which he ever took an honest pride. Mr. Erther (originally Oerther) was in his ninetieth year when he died. He was born at Oberotterbach, in the Rhinephaltz province of Germany, April 17, 1834, and was a son of John and Margaret (Dahl) Oerther, natives of that same province, the former of whom, a farmer and weaver, died in that country, in 1852. His widow survived him for nearly twenty-five years, her death occurring at the home of her son, John Jacob, at Yorktown, in 1876, she having joined her son here in 1865. John Oerther and his wife reared a family of four children. John Jacob Oerther (Erther) received his schooling in his home country and remained there until he was seventeen years of age, when, in November, 1852, he came to the United States, landing at the port of New Orleans. A married sister had preceded him to this country and had become settled in Ohio, where he rejoined her. At New Boston in Scioto county, that state, he became employed as a blacksmith's helper and there learned the trade which he afterward followed pretty much all of his active life. In August, 1859, he came over into Indiana and located at Yorktown, in this county, where he found employment in the pioneer McCarty blacksmith shop. In the fall of the next year he married a Delaware county girl and established his home at Yorktown, where he spent the rest of his life. For awhile after settling at Yorktown he continued working as a blacksmith and then became engaged in the tanning business in association with Henry Overmire, later and for some time being engaged in the mercantile business there, but presently gave up his commercial ambitions and established himself as a blacksmith and wagon maker and so continued the remainder of his active life. He did well in his business and made some good land investments and at one time was the owner of no less than 500 acres of land in the Yorktown neighborhood. During the period of enterprising development which followed the opening of the gas field in the early '90's Mr. Erther was one of the promoters of the Yorktown Gas Company and also was one of the promoters of the ambitious addition laid out east of the creek to which the name of West Muncie was given, his lands lying in the path of that development. He was a Democrat, an

Odd Fellow and a member of the German Lutheran church. John Jacob Erther died on July 4, 1923. His wife had preceded him to the grave less than a year, her death having occurred on October 22, 1922, she then having been in her eighty-first year. It was on November 27, 1860, that John Jacob Erther was married to Isabella Daugherty, who was born in Mt. Pleasant township on June 6, 1842, daughter of William Daugherty, one of the real pioneers of that township, a soldier of the War of 1812 and a son of William Daugherty, Sr., a soldier of the Revolution, who had entered his lands there in section 21, in the river bottoms west of the present town of Yorktown, in 1829, which was seven years before Oliver H. Smith laid out his town of Yorktown. To John Jacob and Isabella (Daugherty) Erther were born nine children, all of whom are still living save one, Rosa May, the fourth in order of birth, the others being John William, Charles F., Emma F., Marietta, Myrtle, Doan, Glynn and Frederick. The William Daugherty mentioned above, maternal grandfather of these children, died on August 29, 1876, and his body lies in the Yorktown cemetery. He was born in what is now Clinton county, Ohio, in 1790, that having been thirteen years before Ohio became a state. He was enrolled as a soldier in the War of 1812 at Lebanon, Ohio, and was in the Detroit and Sandwich (Canada) campaigns, and received a land warrant from the government for his services. He was thrice married, was the father of eleven children, four sons and seven daughters, and was in his eighty-seventh year at the time of his death. It has been written of him that "he was somewhat pugnacious and knew well how to defend his own interests in a conflict," and that "he was made of good fibre and bore well his part in the heavy duties of a frontier life."

ALVA L. SNODGRASS, grocer at Cammack, was born on a farm in Harrison township, this county, August 11, 1869, and is a son of James P. and Sarah R. (Smith) Snodgrass, both of whom were born in Ohio, and were but children when they came to Delaware county with their respective parents, the Smith family settling in Harrison township and the Snodgrass family settling in Mt. Pleasant township. Following his marriage James P. Snodgrass established his home on a farm in Harrison township and became the owner of 320 acres of land. There he died in 1879. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children. Alva L. Snodgrass was but ten years of age when his father died. He grew up on the home farm and before he was twenty years of age was married. After his marriage Mr. Snodgrass continued farming for years, or until in

1914, when he retired from the farm and became engaged in the grocery business at Cammack, a business which since has engaged his attention. Mr. Snodgrass is a Republican. He is an Odd Fellow and also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. It was on May 9, 1889, that Alva L. Snodgrass was united in marriage to Mary L. Dragoo, also a member of one of the old families of this county, and to this union four sons were born, Vernon O., Alva G., Raymond G. and Claude E., the two latter of whom are deceased. Vernon O. Snodgrass married Ona Stephenson and has one child, a daughter, Evelyn. Alva G. Snodgrass married Fernie Yingling and also has a daughter, Pauline. Mrs. Mary L. Snodgrass was born in Center township and is a daughter of Ephraim W. and Sarah E. (Howell) Dragoo, both members of pioneer families in this county, both the Dragoos and the Howells having been represented here since settlement days.

HARRY RICHARDSON WYSOR, manager of the Wysor Grand Opera House and of the varied Wysor interests at Muncie, is a native son of Muncie and has resided in that city all his life, though of late years much of his time has been spent in California, where he not only has interests but where he finds the climate during the winter months much more to his liking than that of Indiana winters. Mr. Wysor was born on April 8, 1858, and is the only surviving son of Jacob Henry and Sarah (Richardson) Wysor, who in their generation were among the most helpful and influential personal factors in the upbuilding of Muncie. The late Jacob Henry Wysor, whose name runs like a continuing thread through the annals of Delaware county since the year 1840, was a Virginian, born at or near the town of Dublin, in Montgomery (now Pulaski) county, Virginia, December 6, 1819, and was the son and only child of Jacob and Margaret (Miller) Wysor, both also natives of Virginia and members of Colonial families. Jacob Wysor, who was a soldier of the War of 1812, was a son of Henry Wysor, a commissioned officer in the Continental army during the war of the Revolution. He died just a short time before the birth of his son. His widow married John Guthrie and continued to make her home in Montgomery county (Virginia) until in 1834, when the family came to Indiana and settled in the Smithfield neighborhood, in the eastern part of this county, Jacob Henry Wysor then being in his fifteenth year. Two or three years later the lad returned to Virginia to round out his schooling, giving particular attention to business forms. Thus equipped he returned to Delaware county and in 1841, he then attaining his ma-

JACOB HENRY WYSOR

jority, he opened a general store in Muncietown, making a specialty of the dry goods and groceries lines of this business. He was just becoming well established in the mercantile business in the village when his store was destroyed by fire, entailing a practically total loss of his investments. Thus set back in his ambition to become a merchant, the young man took employment in the old Gilbert flour mill, the first of the pioneer industries in Muncietown, and after a few months of such employment leased the mill and began to operate it "on his own." In 1843, in association with John Jack and James L. Russey, Mr. Wysor bought this mill and continued actively engaged in the milling business until in 1849, when he became attracted by the possibilities then opening for gold seekers in California and, as is set out elsewhere in this work, became one of the considerable number of Delaware county men who went to the coast in quest of fortune. The captain of this party was Mr. Wysor's partner, the ill-fated James L. Russey, who, as is narrated elsewhere, was slain by Indians not long after his arrival there. Mr. Wysor remained in California for three years, his quest of fortune being moderately successful, and then returned to Muncie and resumed his milling operations, he and his remaining partner, John Jack, taking over the Russey interest in the mill. In 1854 Wysor & Jack erected the flour mill on North Walnut street which stood the storm and stress of more than sixty years and which, undergoing various stages of remodeling to meet changing conditions and various changes of management, carried on until the site it occupied was taken over a few years ago by the power plant people and the old industrial landmark was razed, as is narrated elsewhere in this work. Mr. Wysor retained his interest in this mill until his death and thus from pioneer days perhaps enjoyed a wider personal acquaintance than any other man in the county. But this was not his only interest. Successful in milling, he extended his operations along other lines and was from the start of his active career one of the leaders in all local development work. In the days of the building of the turnpikes he became one of the leading promoters of this means of bettering local transportation conditions and was the president of the Muncie & Granville Turnpike Company from its inception until it was liquidated upon the passing of the turnpikes to county control. He also was one of the active promoters of the movement which brought the first railroad to Muncie (the old "Bee Line") back in the early '50s and as other railways came this way continued to exert his influence in Muncie's behalf. With a clear vision of Muncie's possibilities

Mr. Wysor early became a considerable investor in real estate and as he realized on these foresighted investments extended his operations along other lines until by the time the new era dawned for Muncie with the opening of the natural gas "boom" in the late '80s, he naturally occupied a foremost position in the industrial and commercial life of the town and was in a position, through his activities in connection with the commercial clubs of that period, the Citizens Enterprise Company and similar agencies, to promote in many ways the proper development of the city. With a true eye for the needs of the people he had in 1872 erected at the valuable corner now occupied by the Wysor building, southwest corner of Main and Walnut streets, an opera house which was regarded at that time as one of the best fitted theaters in Indiana. Twenty years later, in 1892, keeping apace with the times, he erected the present Wysor Grand Opera House, southwest corner of Jackson and Mulberry streets. The public records and the newspaper files covering the period of Jacob Henry Wysor's many years of activity in Muncie reveal his name as having been identified with all important movements for the promotion of the town's interests. Upon three different occasions when the efforts of Muncie citizens to carry the city forward seemed doomed to failure and disappointment, Jacob Henry Wysor, by his courageous example put heart and renewed courage into the active workers that crowned their efforts with success. When the Enterprise fund was a practical failure Mr. Wysor increased his subscription four-fold, quickly followed by James Boyce, A. F. Patterson, George F. McCulloch and others, with increased subscriptions, which assured the fund. Again, when the stock of the old Natural Gas Company was about to be sold to out-of-town parties, Jacob Henry Wysor balked the move by buying the stock for home interests. And again during the panic of 1893, when one bank had closed its doors and a run was being made on the others, Jacob Henry Wysor headed a list of citizens guaranteeing against loss, every depositor in every bank in Muncie, a very interesting instance of the creation of community confidence set out at some length elsewhere in this work. In 1866 Mr. Wysor bought the old Goldsmith Gilbert home square, 418 North Walnut street, which was then known as the John Jack homestead, and which has been maintained since his death by his son Harry, now one of the most picturesque urban sites in eastern Indiana, and there spent his last days, his death occurring on January 18, 1905, he then being in his eighty-sixth year. His wife had predeceased him more than ten years, her death having

occurred on November 6, 1893. It was on April 6, 1854, at Peru, Ind., that Jacob Henry Wysor was united in marriage to Sarah Richardson, who also was born in Virginia, a daughter of John and Martha Richardson, and to this union were born four children, Harry Richardson; Martha, who married William H. Marsh; Virginia, who died in her youth, and William H. Wysor, who died in 1894. Reared at Muncie, Harry Richardson Wysor completed his schooling in the old Smithson College at Logansport and from the days of his youth was an active factor in the operations of his father's milling and other interests. In 1881 his father turned over to him the management of the old opera house and he ever since has given his attention largely to the interests thus involved, these interests naturally becoming much enlarged when the present Wysor Grand was erected. In 1906, the year following their father's death, Mr. Wysor and his sister, Mrs. Marsh, caused the old opera house site to be cleared and thereon erected the present Wysor building, one of the most complete office buildings in eastern Indiana. Mr. Wysor also has considerable other real estate interests in and about town. He is a Democrat, as was his father, and has rendered local public service as a member of the city council and as a member of the school board and served twelve years as a member of the board of park commissioners. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Improved Order of Red Men. In 1884 Harry Richardson Wysor was united in marriage to Jennie Kemper, who was born in Iowa, a daughter of William Kemper, and he and his wife have two children, Sarah, wife of Robert Carson, and Mary, wife of Howard Keefer. The Wysors reside in the picturesque old Wysor home at 418 North Walnut street.

EDMUND J. HARMAN, a veteran farmer of Mt. Pleasant township and one of Delaware county's substantial landowners, residing on the Sycamore road, rural mail route No. 2, out of Daleville, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life, a period of nearly seventy years. Mr. Harman was born on a farm in Mt. Pleasant township on May 18, 1857, and is a son of John Wesley and Lavina (Van Matre) Harman, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Henry in 1832, a daughter of James M. and Mary (Jones) VanMatre, who later became numbered among the pioneers of Mt. Pleasant township, this county. James M. VanMatre, who died in 1844, was a native of Clark county, Ohio, born in 1810. His widow survived him for nearly twenty years, her death occurring in 1863. She was born in what is now Fayette county, this state, in

1813, three years before Indiana was admitted to statehood. There is a large continuing connection of VanMatres in this county, the family having been represented here since settlement days, as is set out elsewhere in this work. The late John Wesley Harman, in his generation one of Delaware county's large landowners, was born in Maryland in 1829, a son of John and Elizabeth Harman, the former of whom was born in Germany in 1805. John Harman died in the early '30s, leaving his widow with two small children. In 1833 she became a resident of Madison county, Ohio, and a few years later there married David Osborn, who in the late '30s moved over into Indiana with his family and after some time residence in Tipton county moved in 1844 to Delaware county and established his home in Salem township. John Wesley Harman thus was fifteen years of age when he became a resident of Delaware county. He was a hard worker and by the time he had attained his majority was able to buy a bit of land, his first land purchase being made in 1850. Two years later he married and established his home in Mt. Pleasant township, starting his farming operations on rented land. Four years later by trading and "boot" he became the owner of a tract of 120 acres in that township. His affairs prospered and he eventually became the owner of right around 600 acres of land. Edmund J. Harman grew up on the home farm in Mt. Pleasant township and all his life has been devoted to farming. He married at the age of nineteen and then began farming on his own account, his first purchase of land being a tract of 80 acres in his home township. As his affairs prospered Mr. Harman has added to this tract until now his home farm on the Sycamore road has 294 acres in it. Besides this he is the owner of a farm of 265 acres in Monroe county and his wife has an eighty-acre place in Madison county, these aggregate land holdings amounting to 639 acres. Mr. Harman and his wife are Republicans and he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. It was on December 24, 1876, that Edmund J. Harman was united in marriage to California Goodpasture, also a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, daughter of Jesse Goodpasture and Louisa Kilgore, of Mt. Pleasant township, and to this union were born eleven children, Nellie (deceased), Addie, John W., Lavina, Clara, Grace, Edmund, J. Jr., Kearney, Edna (deceased) and two who died in infancy. Nellie Harman married Casper Chambers and died leaving three children, Florence, Roscoe and Rhoda. Addie Harman married John Q. Chambers and has three children, Mildred, George and Bertha. John W. Harman married Pearl Plummer and has six children, Neal J., Sid-

ney, Edmund J., Mabel, Mary and California. Lavina Harman married William Shockley and has seven children, Edmund, Thomas, William, Roxey, Juva, John and Mary. Clara Harman married Walter Pugsley and has one child, a son, Harman, and Grace Harman married Roy Schlagel and has three children, Robert, Don and Elizabeth. It thus will be seen that Mr. and Mrs. Harman have no fewer than twenty-three grandchildren. They also have two great-grandchildren, a great-grandson born to Mildred (Chambers) Addison, and a great-granddaughter born to Florence (Chambers) Tuttle. Mrs. Harman's father, Jesse Goodpasture, was one of the gold seekers from this county who went to California in the early '50s of the past century and it was in tribute to that experience that she was given the name of California, a name also now borne by one of her granddaughters.

JOHN T. CROMER, chairman of the Farmers Federation of Salem township and a farmer and landowner of that township, proprietor of a well improved farm on rural mail route No. 2 out of Middletown, where he is specializing in pure bred Duroc Jersey hogs, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families of Salem township, and has lived here all his life. Mr. Cromer was born on the farm on which he is now living, in the Cross Roads neighborhood, February 17, 1883, and is a son of Rush Henry and Emma Frances (Sayford) Cromer, both born in that same township, the latter a daughter of the Rev. Samuel and Mary (Miller) Sayford, concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work, the Rev. Samuel Sayford, who died in 1865, a minister of the Lutheran faith and a landowner in Salem township, having been one of the best known men in that part of the county in his generation. Rush Henry Cromer was born in the Cross Roads neighborhood also, a son of Josiah and Mary (Schultz) Cromer, who were among the pioneers of that neighborhood, as is set out elsewhere. Rush Henry Cromer and his wife were the parents of five sons, those besides the subject of this sketch, the third in order of birth, being Oran W., C. Otis, Samuel S. and Myron E. Reared on the home farm in Salem township, John T. Cromer supplemented the schooling received in the Cross Roads school by two years of attendance at the Middletown high school and from the days of his boyhood was a helpful aid to his father on the farm. After his marriage he continued on the home place, farming there for six years, at the end of which time he moved to the W. R. Landry farm, renting eighty acres there, and farmed that place for two years. He then took over

the operation of another farm and continued farming on a rental basis until in 1921, when he moved back to the old home place and in the next year bought that "eighty" and has since been carrying on his operations as proprietor, giving particular attention to the raising of purebred Duroc Jersey hogs, feeding out about 125 head a year. Mr. Cromer is an up-to-date farmer and is the present chairman of the Salem township Farmers Federation. He is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the English Lutheran church. His grandparents, Josiah Cromer and wife, were among the charter members of that church. It was in 1906 that John T. Cromer was united in marriage to Grace Landrey, who also was born in that neighborhood, daughter of W. R. and Hannah Landrey, and to this union four children have been born, Eugene, Mary Jane, Harriet and Hannah. One of Mr. Cromer's maternal uncles, Augustus Sayford, lost his life in the battle of Port Gibson, Miss., while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil war, a member of Company H of the 69th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

P. J. KAUTZMAN, trustee of Mt. Pleasant township and for nearly a quarter of a century the local agent for the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company (Big 4), a division of the great New York Central system, at Yorktown, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Indiana and of Delaware county long enough to regard himself as much a Hoosier as any. Mr. Kautzman was born on a farm in the vicinity of the pleasant village of Rushylvania in the northeast part of Logan county, Ohio, September 29, 1872, and when seventeen years of age was graduated from the Rushylvania high school. He then, in 1890, entered upon a service for the Big 4 railroad which has continued ever since, a period of nearly thirty-five years. Beginning as a telegraph operator in the office of the Big 4 at Rushsylvania, Mr. Kautzman was transferred from one station to another of that railway company in Ohio until he became thoroughly familiar with the details of railway station work and then, in September, 1899, was made station agent for this railway, the historic old "Bee Line", at Yorktown, where he ever since has been stationed, one of the veterans of the Big 4's station service. Mr. Kautzman is a Republican. In 1918 he was elected trustee of Mt. Pleasant township and in November, 1922, was re-elected to that office and is thus now serving his second term as township trustee. In 1893 P. J. Kautzman married Etta Sutton, daughter of Dr. J. D. and Mattie Sutton, of Rushylvania, and he and his wife have two sons, Fareda and Thomas Kautzman,

the latter of whom is now the live stock agent for the New York Central lines at Indianapolis. He married Glenith Yarger and has one child, a son, Thomas, Jr. Fareda Kautzman, now the agent for the Big 4 at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, married Lottie Hancock and has a son, Byron. P. J. Kautzman is a member of the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men at Yorktown.

REV. G. STANLEY McGAUGHEY, pastor of the Christian church at Daleville and trustee of Salem township, was born on a farm in Putnam county, Indiana, December 29, 1868, and is a son of Jacob and Mary A. (Leonard) McGaughey, both of whom also were born in Indiana, members of pioneer families in Putnam county. Jacob A. McGaughey, a veteran of the Civil war, who is still living in that county, served four years as a soldier of the Union during the time of the Civil war, a member of Company I of the 49th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Reared on the home farm in Putnam county, G. Stanley McGaughey was graduated from the normal school at Ladoga in the neighboring county of Montgomery and after teaching school a couple of years entered Wabash College at Crawfordsville, where he spent two years. He then resumed teaching, meantime carrying on his studies with a view to entering the gospel ministry, and two years later was made principal of the high school at Whitesville in Montgomery county, serving thus for two years, at the end of which time he became engaged as a teacher in the Bloomington schools. Meantime he had been ordained as a minister of the Christian church and during the two years of his service as a teacher at Bloomington he also served as pastor of the Christian church at that place. From this charge he was transferred to the church at Linton and after three years of service there accepted a call to the church at Palestine, Ill. Two years later he took charge of the church at Robinson, Ill., where he was stationed for four years and during which time he secured the erection of one of the best church buildings of the Christian communion in southern Illinois. Upon the conclusion of his ministry at Robinson he returned to Indiana and was for two years thereafter pastor of the church at Bicknell, going thence to the Eighth Christian church at Indianapolis and serving as pastor of that church for two years. During the stressful period of this country's participation in the World war Mr. McGaughey served as superintendent of the schools at Westport and as pastor of the church at that place, and then, in 1919, entered upon his present pastorate at Daleville, where he since has resided. Mr. Mc-

Gaughey has completed his course in Iowa Christian College and has received from that institution the degrees of Bachelor of Philosophy and Bachelor of Divinity. He is the present president of the county board of Christian churches. He is a Republican and in the November election, 1922, was elected trustee of Salem township and is now serving in that responsible office. He is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. In 1891, at Croye's Creek, the Rev. G. Stanley McGaughey was united in marriage to Luella Johnson, daughter of the Rev. R. M. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. McGaughey have two sons, Leslie and Otis, the latter of whom married Lena Castain and is now connected with the tax bureau at Indianapolis. Leslie McGaughey also is connected with the Indianapolis city administration, an assistant engineer in the department of sewer construction. He married Irma Parker and has one child, a daughter, Mary Louise McGaughey.

DR. JAMES M. QUICK, a veteran of the World war with an officer's commission and a practicing physician at Muncie for the past twenty-five years, making a specialty of the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, was born on a farm in Harrison township, this county, February 16, 1871, and is a son of Joseph A. and Mary Eliza (Love) Quick, the latter of whom was born in Ireland and had come to this country with her parents in the days of her youth. The late Joseph A. Quick was born in the neighboring county of Henry, a son of John Quick, one of the pioneers of that county and who is said to have erected the first brick house erected in that county. Joseph A. Quick was a substantial farmer of Harrison township and for some time served as trustee of his home township. He took an earnest interest in school work and was one of the incorporators of the old Eastern Indiana Normal University at Muncie, elected treasurer of the association which projected that ambitious undertaking more than a quarter of a century ago. He died on June 13, 1913, at the age of seventy-four years, and his widow survived him for nearly six years, her death occurring in February, 1919, she then being eighty years of age. They were members of the church of the Disciples of Christ and their children were reared in that faith. There were four of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last born, the others being Elizabeth Josephine (deceased), Dr. John C. Quick, present mayor of the city of Muncie, and Mrs. Nettie J. McColm. Reared on the home farm, James M. Quick supplemented the schooling received in the local public schools by a course in the normal school at Valparaiso, Ind., and for four years was en-

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gaged in teaching school. Meanwhile he was giving his attention to preparatory studies in medicine and presently entered the Physio-Medical College at Indianapolis, from which he was graduated in 1898. Upon securing his diploma, Doctor Quick established an office for the practice of his profession at Muncie and has ever since been located there. Determining upon the special practice with reference to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, two years after setting up in practice the Doctor took a post-graduate course along these lines in Chicago in 1900 and has since given his chief attention to the treatment of these diseases, later taking further courses along these lines both in Chicago and in New York. The Doctor is a member of the Muncie Academy of Medicine, of the Delaware County Medical Society, of the Indiana State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. He is a Knights Templar Mason, a member of the American Legion and a member of the local Kiwanis Club. In September, 1918, during the time of this country's participation in the World war, Doctor Quick enlisted his services in the medical corps of the army and was given a lieutenant's commission and assigned to duty at Camp Merritt, New Jersey. He later was attached to Debarkation Hospital No. 5 in New York city, with special detail respecting the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and was in service until finally discharged on June 19, 1919, the war then being over. In 1900 Dr. James M. Quick was united in marriage to Mary A. Spurgeon, daughter of Dr. W. A. and Elvira (Chrite) Spurgeon, of Muncie, and to this union two children have been born, sons both, William J. and Robert Quick, the latter of whom is a professional musician, now connected with the Bush Conservatory of Music, a violinist of much skill and a concert performer. William J. Quick is now a medical student in the University of Chicago, giving his special attention to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Doctor and Mrs. Quick are members of the church of the Disciples of Christ.

JACOB N. BARNARD, former postmaster of Daleville, a former member of the Delaware county council, cashier of the Commercial Bank of Daleville and president of the Bank of Salem, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Delaware county and of Daleville for many years. Mr. Barnard was born in Fayette county, Indiana, April 3, 1860, and is a son of Sylvester and Lavina (Myer) Barnard, both of whom were born in Union county, this state, but had become residents of Fayette county in their youth, their respective parents having moved into this latter county. Syl-

vester Barnard and Lavina Myer were married in Fayette county and remained there until in 1866, when they moved with their family over into Henry county and settled on a farm in the Spiceland neighborhood, later moving to Middletown, where they spent the remainder of their lives, her death occurring in 1908 and his, in 1914. Jacob N. Barnard was six years of age when his parents moved into Henry county and he grew to manhood there. In 1879 he began teaching school and was thus engaged during the winters, in the schools of Henry, Rush and Fayette counties, for ten years, meantime, in 1882, being graduated from the old Spiceland Academy of excellent memory. In 1889, following the opening of the natural gas field in this section of Indiana, Mr. Barnard became engaged in the mercantile business at Daleville and not long afterward, under appointment of President Harrison, was made postmaster of that village. Upon the completion of his four-year term as postmaster Mr. Barnard went back to Henry county and became engaged in the mercantile business at Middletown and was thus engaged for some years, or until in 1897, when he closed out his store and took up the real estate and insurance business at Middleton. He remained there until in 1902 when he returned to Daleville and promoted the organization of the Commercial Bank of Daleville, was made cashier of this bank and has ever since occupied that position, a banker now of more than twenty years' experience. It was on November 26, 1902, that the Commercial Bank of Daleville was formally organized, the organizers besides Mr. Barnard being Thomas B. Millikan, of Newcastle; F. L. Thornburgh, of Middletown; E. L. Elliott, of Middletown, and George O. Suman, of Daleville. The bank started out with a capitalization of $10,000, Mr. Suman president, Mr. Thornburgh vice president and Mr. Barnard cashier. In 1908, in order to comply with the provisions of the new law relating to private banks, this bank was reorganized and its capitalization raised to $12,000, additional stock being issued to J. M. Hancock, F. M. Boyer and J. P. Kendall. Mr. Suman resigned his position as head of the bank at that time and Mr. Hancock was elected president. In 1914 Mr. Suman sold his interest in the bank to the late Hardin Roads and not long afterward Mr. Boyer and Mr. Kendall sold their respective interests to Charles E. Bradfield and Mr. Roads, these transfers of stock, however, not affecting the majority ownership nor the officiary. Mr. Barnard still is cashier of the bank, Mr. Hancock is the president and Mr. Thornburgh the vice president. The capitalization of the bank is $12,000, the stock being divided into 120 shares. The resources of the bank ex-

ceed $150,000 and it has a surplus in excess of $22,000. In 1915 Mr. Barnard assisted in the organization of the Bank of Selma and was elected president of that institution. He also was one of the organizers of the Yorktown Banking Company in 1908. He is a Republican and in addition to his public service as postmaster at Daleville under the Harrison administration served one term as a member of the county council. He is a past noble grand of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a past sachem of the lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Barnard married Carrie Richey and has two children, Evans and Marjorie.

WILLIAM B. PIERCE, former justice of the peace in and for Salem township, formerly and for years engaged in the blacksmith business at Cross Roads, a former drainage commissioner for Delaware county and now engaged in farming, proprietor of a well improved farm in Salem towship, residing on rural route No. 1 out of Daleville; is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the real pioneer families here, and has lived here all his life. Mr. Pierce was born on a farm in the Cross Roads neighborhood in Salem township, June 9, 1861, and is a son of Calaway and Ruanna (Goodpasture) Pierce; the latter of whom was born in Warren county, Ohio, a daughter of Solomon and Sally Goodpasture, and died at her home in this county in 1879. The late Calaway Pierce, who lived to be ninety-five years of age, was born in Montgomery county, Virginia, September 17, 1822, and was a son of Thomas and Susanna (Thompson) Pierce, both also native Virginians, the latter a daughter of John Thompson, a native of Scotland. Thomas Pierce, who was a soldier of the War of 1812, was born in Botetourt county, Virginia, in 1796, a son of Richard and Peggy (Knight) Pierce, who had come to this country in colonial days from England and the former of whom had served the colonists as a soldier of the Revolution. Though but sixteen years of age when the War of 1812 came on, Thomas Pierce succeeded in enlisting his services in behalf of the army in that struggle, and for this service received from the government a land warrant. After his marriage he made his home in Montgomery county, in that part of the Old Dominion now located in West Virginia, and remained there until in 1827, when he moved with his family to Warren county, Ohio, making his home there until in 1832, when he came over here into Indiana with his family and established his home on an uncleared tract of land in section 9 of Salem township, this county, where he developed a farm and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1859. His wife had pre-

ceded him to the grave nearly twenty years, her death having occurred in 1840. Of the eleven children born to them eight grew to maturity, Calaway Pierce and his seven sisters, Malinda, Rebecca, Arminta, Amanda, Jane, Susanna and Eliza. As will be noted by a comparison of above dates, Calaway Pierce was but five years of age when his parents left Virginia for Ohio and he was ten when they left the latter state and came over here into the New Purchase and settled in Salem township, in this county. Here he grew to manhood, early learning the carpenter's trade, and for twenty years or more followed that vocation, his building operations being carried on over a wide area throughout the region in which he lived. He then, in 1859, bought the old Pierce home place of 120 acres and began farming, later moving into Mt. Pleasant township, but in 1867 moved back to Salem township and continued farming there until his retirement in 1891 and removal to Daleville, where his last days were spent, his death occurring in 1917, he then being thought to be the oldest man in Delaware county. Calaway Pierce was twice married. By his first wife, Ruanna Goodpasture, to whom he was married on June 11, 1849, he was the father of eight children, of whom but three are now living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Thomas and Calvin Pierce. Another brother, the late Walter Pierce, died in 1914. There were two other brothers, John, who met death in an accident when twelve years of age, and James, who died at the age of forty. There were two sisters, Mrs. Florence Dietrich, who died in 1888, and Mrs. Martha Bowers, who died in 1884. The mother of these children died in 1879 and in 1883 Calaway Pierce married Mrs. Matilda (Luce) McAllister, a native of Miami county, Ohio, daughter of Benjamin and Ann Ohio (Girrard) Luce and widow of Andrew McAllister, a pioneer of Delaware county. This second wife died in 1912. Calaway Pierce was a Republican, a Freemason and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. William B. Pierce grew up on the home farm in Salem township and received his schooling in the Cross Roads school (district No. 10). Until he was twenty-six years of age he continued working with his father on the farm and then, in 1887, set up a blacksmith shop at Cross Roads and started in business there, a vocation he followed for seventeen years, or until in 1904, when he bought a farm of fifty-five acres, the place on which he is now living in Salem township, and has since been engaged in farming, meanwhile having increased his land holdings until now he is the owner of a well kept farm of 180 acres. Mr. Pierce is a Democrat. For three years he rendered public service as drainage commissioner

for Delaware county and for eight years he served as justice of the peace in and for his home township. In 1881 William B. Pierce married Mary L. McLain, daughter of William and Johanna (Clevenger) McLain, of Monroe township, and to this union eight children have been born, all of whom are living save one daughter, Ethel, the others being Earl, Fred, Kenneth, Carl, Lulu, Eva and Bertha, all of whom are married. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have eleven grandchildren. Earl Pierce married Laura Davis and has one child, Marion. Fred Pierce married Daisy Heath. Kenneth Pierce married Bertha Hofherr, who died on April 2, 1924, and has three children, Freda, Edith and John Wm. Carl Pierce married Leda Minnick and has one child, Frances. Lulu Pierce married Homer Schafer and has one child, Mary Ann. Eva Pierce married Jesse Ross and has three children, Donald, Harry B. and Robert, and Bertha Pierce married Harry Fehrman and has two children, Boyce and Nina.

JESSE CLEVENGER, a veteran farmer and landowner of Salem township, residing on rural mail route No. 10 out of Muncie, was born on the farm on which he is now living and has lived there all his life. Mr. Clevenger was born on September 8, 1848, and is a son of Job and Elizabeth (Bowers) Clevenger, the latter of whom was born in Virginia, a member of the Bowers family that became pioneers in Salem township, this county, in the '30s of the past century, she having been but a girl when her parents came here. Job Clevenger was born in New Jersey and was but a boy when his parents moved to Ohio and settled in Warren county, where he grew up, later coming to Delaware county where he married and established his home on the site now occupied by his son Jesse. This was an uncleared tract at that time and he had to clear and develop the place. He started in a small way but as his affairs prospered he added to his holdings until he became the owner of a good farm of 240 acres, and there he spent the remainder of his life. Job Clevenger and wife were the parents of ten children, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Martha, and a brother, Benjamin Franklin Clevenger. Reared on the home farm in Salem township, Jesse Clevenger grew up familiar with the difficult details of developing a woodland farm. He received his schooling in the Davis school (district No. 9) and remained on the home farm, continuing to help develop and improve the same. After his father's death he and his brother Jacob, now deceased, took over the home place and Jesse Clevenger ever since has lived there, now the owner of a well improved farm of 100 acres, with a good set of buildings and a modern

bungalow dwelling. Mr. Clevenger is a Republican and has rendered public service as assessor of his home township. Jesse Clevenger married Mrs. Henrietta (Kabrich) Clark and he and his wife are members of the Tabor Christian church, of which he formerly was a deacon and is now an elder. Mrs. Clevenger is a daughter of the Rev. John M. and Eva M. (Fry) Kabrich, natives of Virginia, who in 1863 came to Indiana and located at Fairfield, in Franklin county, where they resided until they came to Delaware county in 1874. The Rev. John M. Kabrich was for years the pastor of the Christian church at Daleville and had other preaching charges throughout this section, including the Tabor church. To him and his wife were born eleven children, seven of whom were born in Virginia, among these latter being Mrs. Clevenger, who was but a child when she came to Indiana with her parents.

R. S. CUMMINS, cashier of the Yorktown State Bank, formerly and for years principal of the Daleville schools and a former trustee of Mt. Pleasant township and who has been engaged in the fire insurance business at Yorktown, has been a resident of Delaware county since the days of his childhood. Mr. Cummins was born in the neighboring county of Henry, in the Middletown neighborhood, September 10, 1877, and was but six years of age when his parents moved up over the line and established their home in Salem township, in Delaware county. He was graduated from the Middletown high school in 1896 and his later schooling was received in the college at Battle Creek, in the normal school at Marion and in the University of Indiana. In 1898 Mr. Cummins joined the ranks of Delaware county teachers and for ten years thereafter was engaged in teaching in the schools of this county, seven years of this period being spent in the Daleville schools, of which for six years he served as principal of the schools of that village. In 1908 Mr. Cummins assisted in the organization of a private bank at Yorktown and was made cashier of the same, this institution starting out as the Yorktown Banking Company with a capital stock of $10,000. This concern prospered and continued to carry on as a private bank until in September, 1922, when it was reorganized and chartered as the Yorktown State Bank, with a capital of $25,000. Upon the reorganization of the bank Mr. Cummins was elected cashier, thus being continued in the position he so long had occupied, and he retains that position. This bank now has assets in excess of $200,000. R. H. Curtis is president of the bank, Mark Broadwater is the assistant cashier and May Hofherr is the bookkeeper. In addition to his duties in the bank Mr. Cummins

also is engaged in the fire insurance business, local underwriter for five fire insurance companies, and also is the local representative of a well established bonding company. He has ever taken a proper interest in local civic affairs and for one term served the people as trustee of Mt. Pleasant township. Mr. Cummins married Mae Andre and he and his wife have four children, Andre, Corwin, James and Marion.

ROSCOE N. SHROYER, postmaster at Daleville, former deputy recorder of Delaware county, formerly and for years engaged in the mercantile business at Daleville and now engaged in the grain and coal trade at that place, is a member of one of Delaware county's pioneer families though not a native of the county. Mr. Shroyer was born at Plankington, S. D., March 27, 1884, and is a son of Harvey and Florence (Cline) Shroyer, both of whom were born in Delaware county and both now deceased. The late Harvey Shroyer was born in Liberty township, a son of Nathan J. and Eliza Jane (Wood) Shroyer, both of whom were born in that same township, the latter a daughter of John and Mary Wood. Nathan J. Shroyer was born in 1838 and was a son of Melchoir and Rebecca (Jones) Shroyer, Virginians, who had settled in Liberty township, this county, in 1836, the Shroyers thus now having had representation in this county for nearly ninety years. Harvey Shroyer was reared in this county and was here married, shortly afterward moving to South Dakota, where he spent the remainder of his life as a carpenter, his death occurring in 1886. His widow returned to Delaware county. Her death occurred in 1920. Roscoe N. Shroyer was but a child when his mother returned to Delaware county and he received his schooling here, finishing in the Muncie schools. Upon leaving school he became employed in the office of the American Rolling Mills company and was thus engaged when in 1906 William H. Hufford was elected county recorder. He was called into the recorder's office as deputy under Mr. Hufford and thus rendered public service for four years, at the end of which time, in 1910, he became engaged with Mr. Hufford in the hardware and agricultural implement business at Daleville, which ever since has been his home. A year later he bought the Hufford interest in the store and carried on alone until presently he sold a half interest to A. F. Schlagel and the business was carried on under the firm name of Shroyer & Schlagel for ten years, or until in 1921, when he sold his interest to Mr. Schlagel and became engaged in his present line, grain and coal, in association with Vance Shoemaker, these partners owning two grain elevators, each with a ca-

pacity of 12,000 bushels, and a well equipped coal yard, amply prepared to take care of the local requirements along these essential lines. Mr. Shroyer is a Republican and in October, 1920, was appointed postmaster of Daleville, an office he now is filling. He is a Freemason and is also a member of the order of Knights of Pythias. In 1909, at Muncie, Roscoe N. Shroyer was united in marriage to Maude Sutton, daughter of A. D. and Jennie Sutton, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Betty Jane Shroyer.

DR. CAMERON ARTHUR LEATHERMAN, physician and surgeon at Muncie and a veteran of the World war with the rank of captain, has been a resident of Muncie since the days of his infancy. Doctor Leatherman was born at Independence, Kansas, in 1885 and is a son of E. A. and Ida (Apple) Leatherman, who for many years have made their home in Muncie. Mrs. Leatherman is a daughter of John W. Apple and wife, the latter of whom was a Miller, a granddaughter of a soldier of the Revolution. E. A. Leatherman was born at Versailles, Ohio, and is a son of Godfrey Leatherman and wife, the latter of whom was an Atwood. Godfrey Leatherman, a soldier of the Civil war, was a son of a Revolutionary soldier who settled at Cincinnati in 1814. Dr. A. L. Leatherman, of Indianapolis, is another of the sons of Godfrey Leatherman, as was the late Rev. Walter Leatherman, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, who lost his life at VanWert, Ohio, in a heroic attempt to rescue two boys from drowning. The Leathermans descend from one of the original members of the Roanoke colony in Virginia. For some time after his marriage E. A. Leatherman made his home in Kansas, but in 1886 came to Indiana with his family and located at Muncie, where he ever since has made his home, engaged in business as a general building contractor. Cameron Arthur Leatherman thus was but an infant when his parents located at Muncie and he was reared in that city. Upon leaving high school he entered Purdue University and after a course there entered the Indiana Medical College. Upon his graduation from this latter institution he was appointed an interne in the hospital at Dayton, where he received special training in industrial surgery, and from there was transferred to St. Mary's Hospital at Rochester, Minn., where he had further special advantages in the way of surgical practice. He then returned to Muncie and became engaged in practice in his home city and was thus engaged when this country took a hand in the World war. Doctor Leatherman enlisted his services in behalf of the Medical Corps of the army and was given a commission as a lieutenant and assigned to the base hospital

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at Camp Jackson. From there he presently was transferred to Camp Mills and from there to overseas service, assigned to Base Hospital 27 (A. E. F.) in France and later to Hospital 26. With his detachment he entered Germany with the Army of Occupation and established a hospital at Neuenahr and was there in charge of the surgical detail. Upon his return to the United States following the close of the war, Doctor Leatherman was mustered out at Camp Grant, with the rank of captain, and returned to Muncie to resume his practice and has since been thus engaged, with present offices in the Johnson building. During the period of his service in the army Doctor Leatherman secured many photographs of scenes and details of service and has preserved a most interesting collection of these, a collection which now is coming to have great historic value. A special detail of Doctor Leatherman's practice is his position as surgeon for the Muncie Products Company. The doctor is affiliated with the Delaware-Blackford (counties) Medical Society, the Muncie Academy of Medicine and the Indiana State Medical Association, and with college fraternities Sigma Chi, Phi Chi and Phi Delta Kappa and is a member of the Country Club. He is a Freemason and also is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

DR. WALTER C. STEPHENS, physician and orthopedic surgeon at Muncie, where he has been located for the past ten years and more, was born at Rushville, Ind., December 15, 1879, and is a son of Henry and Alice (Hodgin) Stephens, both of whom were born in Wayne county, this state, of Quaker parentage. Henry Stephens was a photographer who many years ago moved from Wayne county to Rushville and later moved to Pasadena, Calif., where he spent his last days. Reared at Rushville, Walter C. Stephens was graduated from the high school there in 1897. He then entered Earlham College and after a four-years' course there was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. During this course he had been carrying on his studies with a view to the further study of medicine and upon leaving Earlham went to California and entered the Pacific College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he gave his special attention to osteopathy. In 1904 he was graduated from that institution as an osteopathic physician. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Stephens opened an office at Los Angeles and was engaged in practice in that city until in 1909, when he returned to Indiana and entered the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis, from which he was graduated in 1913. Upon receiving his M. D. degree Doctor Stephens had a year in the orthopedic department of the Indianapolis City Hos-

pital and then came to Muncie and has since been engaged in general practice here, though giving his special attention to orthopedic surgery, with present offices at 311 West Adams street, the only physician in the county who is doing orthopedic work as a specialty. Prior to coming here he had extended his practical knowledge of orthopedics by a special course as an interne in the New York Orthopedic Hospital. In January, 1919, Doctor Stephens entered the service of the war reconstruction unit maintained by the Society of Friends and was sent to France in that behalf. He spent a year in France and during that time took a post-graduate course, with full clinical observation, in the great Orthopedic Hospital at Berck Plage, the largest orthopedic center in the world. The Doctor is a member of the staff of the Muncie Home Hospital. He is affiliated with the Muncie Academy of Medicine, the Delaware-Blackford Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and with the fraternal order of Knights of Pythias. In 1905, at Westfield, Ind., Dr. Walter C. Stephens was united in marriage to Anna Doan, daughter of Abel Doan, and to this union three children have been born, Doan, Alice and Elizabeth. Doctor and Mrs. Stephens are members of the Friends Memorial church.

MONTE Z. RUDY, former postmaster at Yorktown, formerly and for years widely known as a breeder and trainer of horses, now engaged in farming and as a contractor in highway construction with residence at Yorktown, has been a resident of this county since the days of his childhood. Mr. Rudy was born in Moore county, Minnesota, May 20, 1873, and is a son of Philip and Jane (Shoemaker) Rudy, the latter of whom was a member of the pioneer Shoemaker family of this section of Indiana. Philip Rudy was a farmer who for some time after his marriage made his home in Minnesota and then in 1880 returned to this county and established his home on a farm in Mt. Pleasant township. Monte Z. Rudy was seven years of age when his parents returned to Delaware county and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Mt. Pleasant township. Upon completing his schooling he began to teach school and was for eight years thus employed, teaching during the winters and farming during the summers. He then became engaged in the hardware business at Yorktown and was thus engaged for seven or eight years, at the end of which time he took up the breeding of horses, both track and draft horses, and for five or six years was thus engaged, during this time attaining a wide reputation for the product of his stables. Mr. Rudy gave particular attention to the breeding and training of horses for

the track and for four years raced his famous "Dan R" (2:01¾), making the Grand Circuit, the Pennsylvania Circuit and the Oil Circuit. His draft horses also became widely and favorably recognized among horsemen and in breeding these he did much to help raise the standard of horseflesh in the heavy draft class. Upon disposing of his stables Mr. Rudy took up farming on a considerable scale and for the past four or five years has been operating between 700 and 800 acres of land in Mt. Pleasant township. He also of late has been engaged in contracting in highway construction and in this connection keeps fifteen or twenty teams at work. Mr. Rudy is a Republican and for nine years (1912-1921) served as postmaster at Yorktown. He is affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Modern Woodmen of America at Yorktown. Mr. Rudy married Samantha Miller, daughter of Perry Miller, and he and his wife have one child, a son, Philip Miller Rudy. The Rudys reside on Arch street in Yorktown.

WILLIAM H. HOFHERR, farmer and landowner of Mt. Pleasant township, has been a resident of the Yorktown neighborhood all his life. Mr. Hofherr was born on a farm in the valley of Buck creek, in Mt. Pleasant township, two miles southeast of Yorktown, in the vicinity of his present home, May 9, 1865, and is a son of Philip Jacob and Mary (Griesheimer) Hofherr, natives of Germany, who were married in Indiana and whose last days were spent in this county, both living to ripe old age. Mary Griesheimer was but a girl when she came to this country with her parents, the family settling at Connersville, Ind., where she was married. The late Philip Jacob Hofherr, who in his generation was one of the best known men in Delaware county, was compelled to flee from Germany in consequence of the unsuccessful revolution of 1848. He was well reared, became a trained musician and his college course closed in the year of that memorable revolution. In common with thousands of young Germans of that period and stirred by the historic demand which rose about that time in the Palitanate for a greater measure of civic freedom, he and his class made preparation as a part of their commencement exercises to have a lecture on the subject of America and the political freedom enjoyed by the people over here. This was regarded as treason in court circles and the entire class was subjected to court martial. The class leaders were put to death and the others fled. There were thousands of political refugees from Germany following '48 and America got most of them. Philip Jacob Hofherr, then

twenty-three years of age, came to this country in 1851, landing at the port of New York. With his exceptional skill as a musician he had no difficulty in finding employment as a bandsman, and soon became the leader of a circus band, working out of Brooklyn. He presently became connected with the P. T. Barnum band and when that great showman directed the Jenny Lind tour in the early '50s he was with the orchestra that accompanied the famous cantatrice and thus made his acquaintance with the Middle West country. For three years or more he was a traveling bandsman, his circus tours taking him into no fewer than seventeen states and some of the then territories, among the towns thus visited being Connersville, where he became acquainted with the girl, Mary Griesheimer, whom he married early in 1853. Following his marriage Mr. Hofherr established his home at Connersville, setting himself up as a bandmaster and music teacher, and became the leader of a band which was famous in its day and which on occasion played in cities all through this part of the country, as well as in Cincinnati, New Orleans and New York. He was thus occupied for some years or until he became attracted by the lure of the land and in 1862 came over into Delaware county and bought a farm along the creek southeast of Yorktown, established his home there and became a permanent citizen of this county. He did well with his farm operations and became the owner of more than 250 acres of land. Though nominally a farmer, Mr. Hofherr never gave up his music and as a band and orchestra director on occasion and as a music teacher for many years continued to exercise a fine influence upon the musical tastes and accomplishments of the community, an influence which is felt hereabout to this day. Philip Jacob Hofherr died at his home in this county on August 9, 1901, and his widow survived him a little more than ten years, her death occurring on October 11, 1911. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom are still living save Kate, who died in 1890, the others besides the subject of this sketch, the fifth in order of birth, being Martin, John, Mary, Minnie, Jacob, Anna and Louis, the three latter of whom live in Muncie. Philip Jacob Hofherr was a member of the Universalist church and was a past noble grand of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Yorktown. Reared on the home farm in Mt. Pleasant township, William H. Hofherr received his schooling in the local schools and was an assistant to his father on the farm until his marriage when he began farming on his own account on an "eighty," a part of the home farm. In good time he bought this tract and has since added to it until now he is the owner

of a well improved place of 190 acres, one of the substantial farmers and stockmen of the neighborhood. Mr. Hofherr is a Democrat and is a past noble grand of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1896 William H. Hofherr married Emma Huffer, daughter of John Marion and Electa (Beath) Huffer, and he and his wife have four children, Marion, Edna, Mary and William, the two first named of whom are married. Marion Hofherr married Minnie McKinley and has four children, Marion M., Jean, Rose Mary and Doris. Edna Hofherr married Ivan Fink and has three children, Robert, Rodney and Harold.

CHARLES AUGUSTUS BURGESS, postmaster at Yorktown and a landowner in Mt. Pleasant township, was born in that township on November 14, 1876, and is a son of James and Ella (Morris) Burgess, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families here, the former of whom died in 1881 and the latter of whom is still living, wife of Craven P. Keys, of Yorktown, and concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this volume. James Burgess was a member of the pioneer Burgess family of Delaware county which had its beginning here in the '30s of the past century with the settlement in Washington township of David Burgess, who had come over here from Ohio, into which latter state the family had been transplanted from Virginia in Ohio settlement days. James Burgess's last days were spent in Mt. Pleasant township. He left two sons, the subject of this sketch having a younger brother, Percy Clyde Burgess, who resides on the Daleville pike west of Yorktown. Charles Augustus Burgess, better known among his friends as "Gus" Burgess, was but five years of age when his father died. Following his mother's marriage to Mr. Keys he was reared on the Keys farm in Mt. Pleasant township and in the schools of that township received his schooling. He married at the age of nineteen and then began farming on his own account, renting a farm in Mt. Pleasant township, and thus continued farming for fifteen years and more, meanwhile, about twenty years ago, becoming the owner of a farm of fifty-five acres in that township, which he still owns. In 1913 Mr. Burgess left the farm and became employed as a substitute city mail carrier at Muncie, making his home in that city for about three years, at the end of which time he returned to the farm, renting additional fields until he had 130 acres under his care, and was thus engaged in farming until his appointment on December 1, 1921, to the office of postmaster at Yorktown, since which time he has been giving his attention to his official duties, making his home on West Smith

street in Yorktown. Mr. Burgess is a Republican and is a past noble grand of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Felows at Yorktown. It was in 1895 that Charles A. Burgess was united in marriage to Mollie Pugsley, who also was born in this county, daughter of Joseph and Hulda Pugsley, and to this union one child was born, a son, Payton Burgess, who married Crystal Luce and has one child, Dwaine. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess are members of the Yorktown Christian church.

ELMER E. PRILLAMAN, one of Yorktown's leading merchants, dealer in hardware, farm implements, furniture, rugs and furnaces at that place, was born on a farm in the neighborhood of Bryant in the neighboring county of Jay, in 1882, and is a son of William and Mary (Hughes) Prillaman, the latter of whom was born in Ohio. The late William Prillaman also was born in Jay county, a member of one of the pioneer families of that county, and all his life was spent in farming. He was the owner of a farm of eighty acres in the vicinity of Bryant, which since his death has been bought by the subject of this sketch. William Prillaman and wife were the parents of four children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Esther, and two brothers, Charles and Edwin Prillaman. Reared on the home farm in Jay county, Elmer E. Prillaman was graduated from the Bryant high school in 1902 and then began teaching school. Two years later he entered Hillsdale College at Hillsdale, Mich., and in 1908 was graduated from that institution. He then served a term as principal of the schools at Westchester in his home county and then for two years was employed in a printing office at Hillsdale. He then, in 1911, became engaged in the hardware business at Yorktown in partnership with his cousin, Fred Prillaman, the two doing business under the firm name of E. & F. Prillaman, and was thus engaged until in 1916, when he bought his cousin's interest in the store and has since been carrying on the business alone. This store was started with 1,680 square feet of floor space. The store now covers 6,600 feet of floor space. In 1917 Mr. Prillaman took the county agency for the sale of the Caloric furnace and in 1920 established a Muncie branch of this latter department of his business, which is carried on in connection with his old established line of hardware and agricultural implements. Mr. Prillaman is a member of Delaware lodge, No. 46, Free and Accepted Masons, at Muncie, and of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Yorktown. In 1904 Elmer E. Prillaman was united in marriage to Lulu Logan, daughter of T. W. Logan, of LaFontaine, Ind., and to this union two children have been born,

Vivian and Naomi, the former of whom was graduated from the Muncie high school and is now a student at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Prillaman are members of the Yorktown Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Prillaman has served the congregation of that church as treasurer of the board of trustees.

HENRY F. HAGER, secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Hager Manufacturing Company of Muncie, manufacturers of wire fabrics for bed springs, was born at Perryville, Mo., September 12, 1883, and is a son of Archibald C. and Marthena (Brewer) Hager, both also natives of Missouri, who in 1896 moved with their family from Perryville to St. Louis. Henry F. Hager was thirteen years of age when he moved with his parents to St. Louis and his schooling was completed in that city. He then began working in a carriage and wagon making shop at St. Louis and was thus engaged for something more than two years, learning there the rudiments of this line of manufacture, with particular reference to carriage blacksmithing. He then took up the machinist's trade and was engaged in that line for four years, at the end of which time he entered the plant of the Peter H. Mellon Bed Company at St. Louis and was thus employed there until in 1910 when he went to Chicago to take a position as superintendent of the plant of the Henry Schomer Company in that city. He served in this capacity until in 1916, when he became associated with the operations of the Pittsburg-Hickson Company at Butler, Pa., and served as factory manager of that concern's plant at Butler until in the spring of 1919 when he made arrangements for establishing himself in the manufacturing line at Muncie. It was on July 1, 1919, that the Hager Manufacturing Company of Muncie was organized and its plant on the Westside was established, Mr. Hager being elected secretary-treasurer and general manager of the company and J. L. Moore and C. G. Moore, of the Moore Company, operating the neighboring bed spring and iron bed factory, president and vice president respectively. The Hager Manufacturing Company specializes in the manufacture of wire fabrics for bed springs and has created a wide market for its products, selling to bed spring manufacturers all over the country. Mr. Hager is the inventor and patentee of several different styles of wire fabrics and thus his plant is able to meet all demands along that line. Mr. Hager is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the Muncie Ad Club and also is affiliated with the local organizations of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, and the Travelers Protective Association. He and his family are members of St. Law-

rence's Catholic church. In 1906, at Moberly, Mo., Henry F. Hager was united in marriage to Clara E. Bayless, daughter of Richard Bayless of Pittsburg, Pa., and to this union three children have been born, Henry F. Jr., Helen Mary and C. Elizabeth. The Hagers reside at 321 West Jackson street.

WILLIAM A. THOMPSON, former judge of the Delaware circuit court and present dean of the bar of that court, is a native Hoosier and has spent all his life in this state, active in the practice of law—save for the period spent on the bench—for more than fifty years. Judge Thompson was born on a farm in Shelby county, Indiana, August 8, 1840, a son of pioneer parents of that county and oldest of the fourteen children born to that parentage. Reared on the farm, he received his early schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home, supplementing this by attendance on the Shelbyville high school and two years of study in old Moores Hill College (now Evansville College), and at the age of eighteen years was made principal of the graded school at St. Paul, in his home county. At the age of seventeen he had united with the Methodist Episcopal church and in 1862, at the age of twenty-two, he entered the ministry of that church and the next year was married. For seven years he continued in the ministry, these labors being confined to the field of the Southeastern Indiana Conference, and meanwhile took another course at Moores Hill College. In 1870, warned by failing health to relinquish the arduous duties of the Methodist itinerary, he reluctantly gave up the ministry and took up the study of law under the able preceptorship of Judge Lamb, these studies being completed in the office of Gordon, Browne & Lamb at Indianapolis, and in 1871 he became engaged in the practice of law at Winchester, Ind., in association with Gen. Thomas Browne. Two years later he became associated in practice with Judge J. J. Cheney and then in the next year, 1874, entered into a partnership with Judge Leander J. Monks, of Winchester, an association which continued for five years, or until in 1879, when he formed a partnership with Capt. O. A. Marsh and his brother, J. W. Thompson, under the firm name of Thompson, Marsh & Thompson, and this association continued for ten years, or until toward the end of 1889, when he came to Muncie and entered into a partnership in the practice of law with Judge Ryan. It was on Christmas Day, 1889, that Judge Thompson came to Muncie and he ever since has made his home here. Beginning in the spring of 1913, on account of the illness of Judge Ellis, he served for some time as acting judge of the Delaware circuit court and then, in 1916,

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as the nominee of the Republican party in this county, was elected judge of the circuit court and in that judicial capacity served for four years or until the beginning of the present judicial incumbency, November 15, 1922. Upon retiring from the bench Judge Thompson resumed his practice, with offices in No. 18 the Patterson block, and has since been thus engaged, one of the oldest lawyers in continuing practice in the state of Indiana. Judge Thompson has been twice married. In 1863 he married Mary R. Wilkinson, of Decatur county, who died leaving him one child, a son, Clifford A., now deceased; and in 1868 he married Elizabeth S. Lamb, daughter of Judge Lamb of Indianapolis. To this latter union three children were born, a daughter, Mrs. Marietta T. Sprague, and two sons, Will H. and John M. Thompson. Will H. Thompson completed his schooling at DePauw University and Leland Stanford University and is now an attorney for the Bell Telephone Company.

JOSEPH RICHMAN, a landowner of Salem township, formerly and for many years engaged in farming in that township, now living retired at Daleville, where he has made his home for the past fifteen years and more, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and has lived in this county all his life. Mr. Richman was born on a farm in Salem township, August 8, 1852, and is a son of Daniel and Susanna (Kauffman) Richman, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Henry, a member of one of the pioneer families of that county. Daniel Richman was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, and was but a lad when he came to Indiana with his parents, Henry Richman and wife, in 1835, the family settling on a tract of land which Henry Richman entered from the Government in section 8 of Salem township in this county in that year. On that pioneer farm Daniel Richman grew to manhood. After his marriage he became a farmer on his own account and came to be the owner of more than 400 acres of land in the neighborhood southeast of Daleville, and there he and his wife spent their last days. They were the parents of eleven children, seven of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Mary and Lydia May, and four brothers, Harvey, George, Frank and William Richman. Reared on the home farm in Salem township, Joseph Richman received his schooling in old Pike's Peak school house (district No. 2) and continued as an aid to his father in the labors of the home farm until he had attained his majority when he rented a tract of land from his father and began farming on his own account. Not long afterward he bought a tract of 144 acres in that

same neighborhood, established his home on that place and there continued actively engaged in farming until his retirement in 1908 and removal to Daleville, where he has since resided, his son-in-law, Houston Brown, now farming the home place. Mr. Richman is a Democrat and is affiliated with the Daleville lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men. In 1875 Joseph Richman married Sarah E. Campbell, of the pioneer Campbell family of Salem township, daughter of John K. and Mary Jane Campbell, and he and his wife have five children, two sons, Charles and Oscar, and three daughters, Della, Hazel and Susan. Charles Richman married Ina Hine and has two sons, Ray and Ralph. Oscar Richman married Anna Heath and has two children, Claude and Myrel. Della Richman married Bert Jackson and has two children, Merritt and Claude. Hazel Richman married Houston Brown and has four children, Armour, Joseph, Sarah and Margaret, and Susan Richman married Robert Swain and has one child, a daughter, Fredia. Mr. and Mrs. Richman thus have eleven grandchildren.

LON ALLEN, a substantial farmer and landowner of Mt. Pleasant township, now living at Yorktown, where he formerly was engaged in the mercantile business, was born at Yorktown and has been a participant in the activities of that place for more than fifty years. Mr. Allen was born on March 11, 1867, and is a son of Thomas and Amanda (Bishop) Allen, the latter of whom also was born in Delaware county, a member of the pioneer Bishop family in this county. She died in 1889. The late Thomas Allen was born in Ohio but was reared in Delaware county, his parents having established their home here when he was a small boy. He early became identified with the commercial life of Yorktown and was for fifteen or twenty years engaged in the mercantile business at that place, also becoming owner of a fine farm of 320 acres north of town, and to this farm he devoted his attention during the later years of his life, his death occurring in 1917. Lon Allen supplemented the schooling he received in the Yorktown schools by a course in the old normal school at Portland, in the neighboring county of Jay, and for some years during the period of his young manhood was engaged as a clerk in his father's store at Yorktown. He then became engaged in the grocery business at Yorktown, an enterprise which he maintained for about three years, at the end of which time he sold out and since then has devoted his attention to his farming interests, farming in partnership with his father until the latter's death and since then carrying on the operations of the farm alone, making his home in town and rent-

ing his fields, now living practically retired from the active operations of the farm. He is the owner of a well kept place of 220 acres. Mr. Allen is a Democrat and is a member of the Muncie lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Lon Allen married Myrtle D. Erther and he and his wife reside on Smith street in Yorktown. Mrs. Allen was born at Yorktown and is a daughter of Jacob and Isabel (Daugherty) Erther, the latter of whom was born in that same vicinity, daughter of William Daugherty, a pioneer of Mt. Pleasant township. Jacob Erther was born in the Rhinepfaltz, Germany, in 1834, a son of John and Margaret (Dahl) Erther, and when eighteen years of age came to the United States. That was in the fall of 1852. He presently made his home at New Boston, Ohio, where he remained until in the summer of 1859 when he came to Indiana and located at Yorktown. After his marriage in the fall of the next year to Isabel Daugherty he established his home at Yorktown, a blacksmith and wagon maker, and did well, in time coming to be the owner of right around 500 acres of land in the Yorktown neighborhood, this including the lands which were included in the West Muncie development project of which much was made during the height of the natural gas "boom" here in the early '90s and concerning which further mention is made elsewhere in this work. He and his wife were the parents of nine children.

ORAN W. CROMER, a farmer and landowner of Salem township, formerly a merchant at Cross Roads, now living on his well improved farm on rural mail route No. 2 out of Middletown, was born on the farm on which his brother, John Cromer, is now living in Salem township, and has resided in this county all his life. Mr. Cromer was born on April 6, 1877, and is a son of Rush H. and Emma F. (Sayford) Cromer, both of whom also were born in Salem township, members of pioneer families there. Mrs. Cromer was born on a farm in section 16 just west of Cross Roads, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Miller) Sayford, the latter of whom was born in Virginia. Samuel Sayford, who in his generation was widely known hereabout as a pioneer minister of the Lutheran faith, was a Pennsylvanian who had received his theological training in the Lutheran seminary at Gettysburg and was installed as a preacher in Floyd county, Virginia. In 1848 he came to Indiana and bought a quarter of a section of land in section 16 of Salem township, this county, where he established his home and spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1865. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, those besides Mrs. Cromer having been Mrs. Henrietta Young, Mrs.

Sarah C. VanMatre, Mrs. Mary E. Bell, Mrs. Laura VanMatre, Augustus, who served as a soldier of the Union during the time of the Civil war, a member of Company H of the 69th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and who lost his life at the battle of Port Gibson, Miss., and William E. Sayford, who is still living in Salem township. Rush H. Cromer was born in that same neighborhood, a son of Josiah and Mary Cromer, pioneers of that section of the county and who were among the constituent members of the Richwood Evangelical Lutheran church in that neighborhood. To Rush H. and Emma F. (Sayford) Cromer were born five sons, those besides the subject of this sketch, the first in order of birth, being C. Otis, John T., Samuel S. and Myron E. Reared on the home farm in Salem township, Oran W. Cromer completed his schooling in the Middletown high school and remained on the farm, an aid to his father, until his marriage, after which he rented the Cromer homestead place and was for five years engaged in operating the same. He then became engaged in the mercantile business at Cross Roads, dealer in general neighborhood merchandise and agricultural implements, and was thus engaged for eight years, at the end of which time he resumed farming on his father's farm, and so continued as a renter until presently he bought the farm of eighty acres and has since been operating it as proprietor, he and his wife now owning 240 acres there. Mr. Cromer makes a specialty of certified wheat. He is a Republican and a Freemason, affiliated with the Masonic lodge at Middletown, and he and his wife are members of the Cross Roads Lutheran church, of the congregation of which he formerly was an elder and is now one of the trustees. It was in 1899 that Oran W. Cromer was united in marriage to Sadie V. Moore, who also was born in Salem township, a daughter of William M. and Margaret E. (VanMatre) Moore, the latter a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Summers) VanMatre, who were among the pioneers of that township. William M. Moore, a veteran of the Civil war, was a Pennsylvanian, born in Franklin county, that state, a son of David M. and Effie E. (McEwen) Moore, who in 1848 came to Indiana with their family and settled at Middletown, where William M. Moore was living, working with his father as a wagon maker, when the Civil war broke out. He went to the front in November, 1861, with the 124th Indiana and served until after the close of the war, being mustered out in August, 1865. In 1873 he married Margaret VanMatre and established his home on a farm in Salem township. To Oran W. and Sadie V. (Moore) Cromer have been born three sons, Lawrence H., Paul C. and R. Carl, the two latter of whom

are on the farm with their father. Lawrence H. Cromer was graduated from Purdue University and is now teacher of vocational agriculture in the Salem township consolidated school, the only township school in the county supporting vocational training in agriculture.

HENRY C. SCHLEGEL, a former member of the board of county commissioners, former trustee of Salem township and a former farmer, stockman and landowner of Salem township, now living retired at Daleville, where he has made his home for the past twenty-five years and more, is a European by birth but has been a resident of this country since the days of his childhood and of Delaware county for nearly sixty-five years. Mr. Schlegel was born at Aszlar, in Germany, August 31, 1843, and is a son of Henry and Margaret (Busch) Schlegel, both of whom were born in that same country and whose last days were spent in this county. Henry Schlegel served his term in the German army and in 1838 married Margaret Busch. He owned a tract of seven acres of land and during the summers acted as foreman on a large farm in his home neighborhood and during the winters served as foreman in a distillery. In 1852 he closed out his affairs in Germany and with his family came to the United States. For two years thereafter he made his home in Pennsylvania and then, in 1854, came to Indiana and settled on a farm a mile west of Chesterfield, in Madison county, where he lived for two years and a half, at the end of which time he moved to a farm a half mile west of Chesterfield, where he remained until in 1860, when he moved over into Delaware county, bought a tract of eighty acres just north of Daleville, established his home on that place and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on October 27, 1872. His widow survived him for more than twenty-five years. They were the parents of six children, two of whom died in childhood, the others besides the subject of this sketch being Johanna, Wilhelmina and John Jacob Schlegel. Henry C. Schlegel was but eight years of age when he came to this country with his parents in the spring of 1852 and was ten when he came with the family to Indiana in 1854. He attended school in Pennsylvania and also in Indiana and later became engaged as a school teacher, working at farm labor during the summers, and for five years taught school in the Chesterfield neighborhood. Mr. Schlegel married at the age of twenty and for four years thereafter was engaged in farming on a rented farm in Madison county. He then came over into Delaware county and bought an "eighty" in section 36 of Salem township, north of Daleville, established his home on that place and proceeded to develop there a good

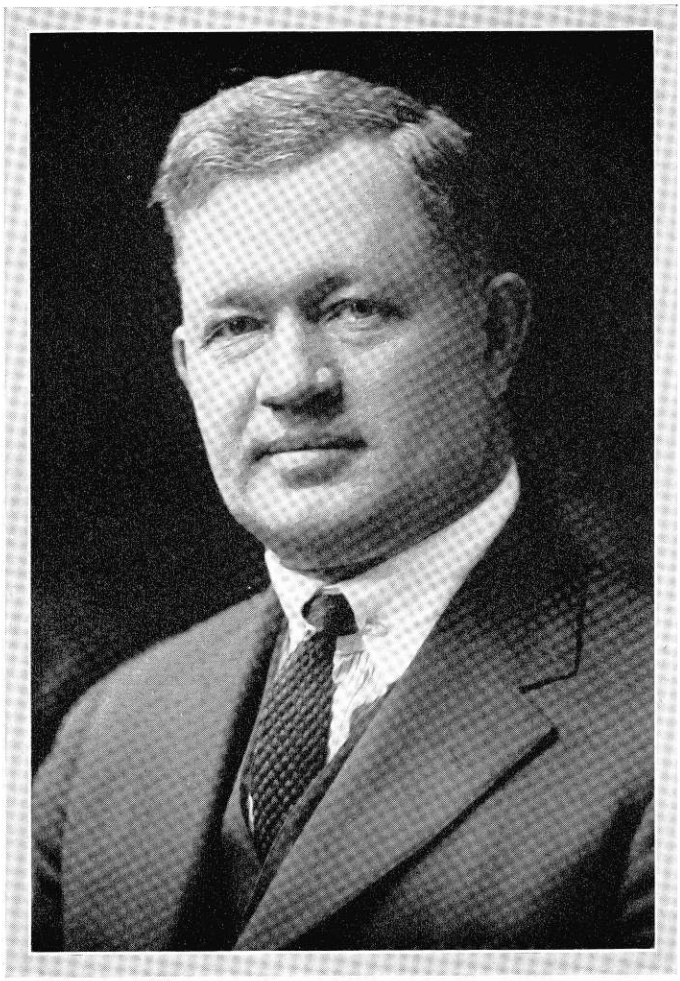
farm, which he eventually increased to 198 acres, and on which he made his home until after his wife's death in 1897, when he retired from the farm and moved to Daleville, which since has been his home, his only daughter, Miss Mary Florence Schlegel, being the homekeeper. Mr. Schlegel is a Republican and for many years gave close attention to local civic affairs. He served for two terms as trustee of Salem township, also served for two terms (1894-1900) as the member of the board of county commissioners from his district, and was for some time a ditch commissioner. He is a member of the United Brethren church, was for years one of the trustees of the church and also formerly served as superintendent of the Sunday school. It was early in 1864, while living in Delaware county, that Henry C. Schlegel was united in marriage to Laura Jane Myers, who was born in Madison county, daughter of Solomon and Louise Myers, and who died on November 16, 1897. To that union were born four children, three sons, William H., Elmer S. and John Calvin, and the daughter, Mary Florence, formerly a teacher in the Daleville schools, who, as mentioned above, makes her home with her father. William H. and John Calvin Schlegel also formerly were teachers in the public schools. William H. Schlegel married May Davenport and has six children, Leslie, Chester, Ada, Alta, Morton and Zona. Elmer S. Schlegel married Martha Stewart and has one child, a daughter, Bertha. John Calvin Schlegel married Effie Modlin and has two children, Arden and Vivian.

GEORGE H. ABSHIRE, a progressive farmer and stockman of Salem township, proprietor of a well improved farm on rural mail route No. 1 out of Daleville and also owner of farm lands in the neighboring county of Grant, is a native son of Delaware county, member of one of the pioneer families of Salem township, and has lived here all his life. Mr. Abshire was born in Salem township on September 12, 1864, and is a son of Edward and Catherine (Basicker) Abshire, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Madison. Edward Abshire was born in Virginia and was but three years of age when his parents, Allen Abshire and wife, moved with their family to Indiana and settled on an unimproved tract in Salem township, where they established their home and became helpful in developing that part of the county. On that pioneer farm Edward Abshire grew to manhood and after his marriage became a farmer on his own account, coming in time to be the owner of a farm of 206 acres in Salem township, where he and his wife

spent their last days. They were the parents of eight children, seven of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having six sisters, Martha, Lucinda, Sarah, Armilda, Savilla Jane and Loretta. There was another sister, Mary Ellen, now deceased. Reared on the home farm in Salem township, George H. Abshire received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and remained on the home farm until after his marriage, when he began farming on his own account. Not long afterward he bought a small tract of land and in the years since then has added to his land holdings until now he is the owner of 396 acres in this and Grant counties, 214 acres of this land lying in Delaware county. In addition to his general farming Mr. Abshire long has given considerable attention to the raising of pure bred Red Polled cattle and also specializes in Yellow Dent seed corn, having come to be recognized as one of the best seed corn experts in the county. His farm in Salem township is well improved and he has a modern dwelling house there. Mr. Abshire is a Republican with "independent" leanings. During the stressful time of this country's participation in the World War (1917-18), he took an active interest in local war work and served as chairman of the organization in the east half of Salem township in direction of local war activities. In 1887 George H. Abshire married Emma Needham and they have two children, a daughter, Stacey Edna, and a son, Albert Edwin, both of whom are married. Stacey Edna Abshire married Ross Peck, now living at St. Paul, Minn., and has two children, Betty and William Ross Peck. Albert Edwin Abshire, who married Golden Snodgrass, was graduated from Purdue University and is now director of vocational education in the schools of Aurora, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Abshire are members of the English Lutheran church, of which Mr. Abshire is one of the trustees, and Mrs. Abshire is the president of the Missionary Society of that congregation. Mrs. Abshire also was born in Salem township and is a daughter of John and Mary (Chiles) Needham, both of whom were born in Ohio but were married in this county, having come here with their respective parents in the days of their youth. John Needham, who was a veteran of the Civil war, was a brick and stonemason and in his generation was widely known hereabout as a builder, many houses in Delaware county having been erected under his direction. He and his wife were the parents of five children, Mrs. Abshire having three sisters, Margaret, Frances and Cora, and a brother, Albert E. Needham, an attorney at Muncie and former prosecutor for the Delaware

circuit court and concerning whom further mention is made in this work, together with additional information regarding the Needham family in this county. John Needham died in 1921 and his widow is still living, now past seventy-five years of age.

LEE O. BAIRD, superintendent of the schools of Delaware county and formerly and for years a teacher in the schools of the city of Muncie, was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Randolph in 1881 and is a son of Lindsey and Louisa (Monks) Baird, the latter of whom is a daughter of Joseph Monks, a native of Lancashire, England, who came to Indiana upon his arrival in this country and settled in Randolph county. This is the Monks family with which the late Judge Leander J. Monks, of Winchester, a former justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, was connected. Lindsey Baird, who is now county school attendance officer for Delaware county, formerly was a farmer in Randolph county and later was a merchant at Harrisville, in that county. He was born in Darke county, Ohio, a son of John Baird and wife, the latter of whom was a Woodbury. The Woodburys were from Massachusetts. To Lindsey and Louisa (Monks) Baird were born three children, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Carmin, of Indianapolis, and Mrs. L. E. Clark, of Muncie. Reared in Randolph county, Lee O. Baird completed his public schooling in the schools of Harrisville and Parker City and then pursued a course of study at the university at Valparaiso, Ind., giving special attention to the teachers' normal course, and in 1899 became a teacher in the public schools of his home county. After a term or two of teaching in the rural schools he was given charge of the schools of the village of Parker and was there until in 1903, when he was called to become principal of the Emerson school at Muncie and has since been a resident of that city. Mr. Baird continued his service in the public schools of Muncie, serving successively as principal of the Emerson, the Longfellow and the Whittier schools, until in 1919, when, under the incumbency of Earle H. Swain, county treasurer, he was made deputy treasurer of Delaware county, and was thus serving when in 1921 he was elected by the county board of education to the responsible position of superintendent of the schools of Delaware county and has since been serving in that capacity, with offices in the court house. Mr. Baird is an ardent advocate of the extension of the township consolidated schools and under his administration it is confidently expected that the "last gap" in the final rounding out of the consolidation system in this county soon will be closed up. The schools of Delaware county rank high among those of other counties



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in the state and plans now in hand in Superintendent Baird's office are expected to give them even higher rank. According to the current Indiana Year Book the assessed value of public school property in Delaware county aggregates right around $2,250,000 and the annual disbursements in the school fund total near $1,620,000, items which indicate something of the importance of the county superintendent's office. Further and interesting details concerning the schools of Delaware county are set out at informative length elsewhere in this work. In 1906 Lee O. Baird was united in marriage to Anna Fern Williams, who was born at Selma, daughter of W. Henry and Joanna (Fielder) Williams.

FLOYD L. BALLINGER, former justice of the peace of Salem township, formerly and for years a teacher in the schools of this county and for some years past engaged in the general merchandise business at Daleville, member of the firm of Ballinger & Richman, was born in the neighboring county of Henry on November 9, 1884, and completed his local schooling in the high school at Middletown, supplementing this by a course of study at Indiana University, where he spent a year. For ten years Mr. Ballinger was engaged in teaching school, two years in a district school, four years at Cross Roads in Salem township and four years in the Daleville schools, meanwhile during the summers carrying on farming operations on a rented farm. He then, in 1913, bought the general store at the historic hamlet of Cross Roads and was there engaged in business for six years, at the end of which time he disposed of his store and moved to Daleville. For a year thereafter he was employed in the plant of the Remy electric works at Anderson and then he and Cary L. Richman bought the established general store of J. W. Chandler at Daleville and have since been engaged in the mercantile business at that place, doing business as the firm of Ballinger & Richman, and are doing well. Mr. Ballinger is a Republican and for eight years during the time of his residence in Salem township was justice of the peace in and for that township. He is a past noble grand of the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Middletown and is also affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men. Floyd L. Ballinger married Maymie Brandon, daughter of Henry C. Brandon, and he and his wife have three children, Marie, Virginia and Malcolm. Mr. and Mrs. Ballinger are members of the Daleville Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Ballinger is one of the stewards of the congregation. During the time of his residence at Cross Roads he was one of the trustees of the Lutheran church at that place.

JOHN JACOB SCHLEGEL, a farmer and landowner of Salem township, proprietor of an excellent farm in the Daleville neighborhood, is of European birth but has been a resident of this country since the days of his infancy and of Delaware county for nearly sixty-five years. Mr. Schlegel was born in the village of Auslar in Germany, April 20, 1850, and is a son of Henry and Margaret (Busch) Schlegel, both also natives of that country, whose last days were spent in this county. Henry Schlegel had served his term in the army of his native country and had become a small landowner, proprietor of a seven-acre tract adjoining his home village, which tract was subdivided into no fewer than forty-seven parcels. During the summers he was foreman of farm operations on an adjacent estate and during the winters was foreman in the village distillery. Early in the year 1852 he closed out his holdings in Germany and with his family came to the United States, landing at the port of New York on April 2 of that year. He settled in the neighborhood of Chambersburg in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, where he became engaged as a teamster and tenant farmer and where he remained until in 1854 when he came with his family to Indiana, driving through in a one-horse wagon, and settled on a farm in the near vicinity of Chesterfield in Madison county. He was engaged in farming in the Chesterfield neighborhood until in July, 1860, when he bought a tract of eighty acres in the Daleville neighborhood in Salem township, this county, and in November of that year established his home on that place and proceeded to develop the same. There Henry Schlegel spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on October 27, 1872. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring in 1900. They were the parents of six children, but two of whom now are living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Henry C. Schlegel, a former member of the board of county commissioners, now living retired at Daleville and concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. John Jacob Schlegel, as will be noted by a comparison of above dates, was but two years of age when he came to this country with his parents in 1852 and he was ten years of age when the family settled in Delaware county. He completed his schooling in the neighborhood schools here and from boyhood was an aid to his father in the labors of developing the home place. He was twenty-two years of age when his father died and for some time thereafter he carried on the operations of the farm in his mother's behalf on a rental basis. He then bought the home place, where he had established his home after his marriage, and has ever since made his home there, meanwhile having

increased his land holdings there until now he is the owner of right around 200 acres of land and has a well improved farm, with two sets of buildings on it, and a comfortable home on rural route No. 2 out of Daleville. Mr. Schlegel and his wife are members of the United Brethren church and he has served as a member of the board of trustees of that congregation. He has rendered public service as supervisor in his home district. In 1874 John Jacob Schlegel married Mary Jane Richman, who was born in Salem township, daughter of Daniel and Susanna (Kauffman) Richman, pioneers of that region and concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work, and he and his wife have five children, Noah E., Karl H., Maggie, Arthur F. and Leroy D., all of whom are married. Noah E. Schlegel married Sarah Clark and has one child, a son, John. Karl H. Schlegel married Stella Clark. Maggie Schlegel married Samuel Orebaugh and has three children, Merril F., Mary Catherine and Edward John. Arthur F. Schlegel has been twice married. His first wife (Blanche Bosh) died leaving one child, Mary Louise, and he then married Mrs. Carrie (Roberts) Collins and by this second marriage has one child, a son, James. Leroy D. Schlegel married Grace Harmon and has three children, Robert, Don and Elizabeth.

CRAVEN PATEN KEYS, a substantial farmer and landowner of Mt. Pleasant township, now living retired at Yorktown, where he has resided for the past twenty years and more, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Delaware county practically all the time since the days of his infancy, this exception being a brief period during the days of his boyhood when he was pioneering with his father in Wisconsin. Mr. Keys was born in Clinton county, Ohio, April 3, 1848, and is a son of Samuel and Maria (McCulloch) Keys, both of whom also were born in Ohio, where they were married. Samuel Keys, a son of George Keys, a pioneer of central Ohio, had a younger brother, Levi Keys, who many years ago was a grocer at Middletown, down over the line in Henry county. In 1849 Samuel Keys moved with his family to Indiana and located at Muncie, where he became engaged as a freighter and trader in live stock, afterward taking up farming, and remained here until in 1868, when he moved with his family to Wisconsin and settled on a farm in Richland county, that state. There he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1890. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children and as most of these married and reared families of their own the Keys connection of this family in the present generation is a con-

siderable one. As will be noted by a comparison of above dates, Craven P. Keys was but a babe in arms when his parents located in Muncie in 1849 and he thus grew up in this county. He was about twenty years of age when the family moved to Wisconsin and he remained on the pioneer farm there only about long enough to help get the family settled in their new home when he returned to Muncie and became employed here in the then extensive timber industry, chopping cordwood and making railroad ties. Some years afterward, at the age of twenty-six, he married and started in on his own account as a farmer, renting a small tract of land in Mt. Pleasant township. He presently found himself able to buy a tract of twenty acres and thus started in as a landowning farmer. His affairs prospered and he gradually increased his land holdings until he became the owner of 245 acres in that township, which he still owns. Here Mr. Keys continued actively engaged in farming and the raising of live stock until his retirement from the general labors of the farm in 1903 and removal to Yorktown, where he bought a home and has since resided, renting his farm on which are two sets of buildings. For some time after leaving the farm Mr. Keys was engaged in the wire fence business at Yorktown but is now practically retired from the active duties of life, as he is nearing the octogenarian stage. Craven P. Keys has been twice married and has several great-grandchildren to gladden his later years. In 1874 he was united in marriage to Arminda Dragoo, who was born in this county, a daughter of the pioneer Belshazzar Dragoo, and to that union were born five children, three of whom, Anna Maud, Lillie Mae and Daisy Dell, grew to maturity and are still living. The mother of these children died in January, 1881, and in 1883 Mr. Keys married Mrs. Eleanor (Morris) Burgess, daughter of Charles and Anna (Parkison) Morris and widow of James Burgess, and to this union was born one child who died in infancy. By her first marriage Mrs. Keys is the mother of two sons, Charles Augustus and Percy Clyde Burgess, the latter of whom married Ivy Horn and has one child, Clytis. Charles Augustus Burgess, present postmaster at Yorktown, married Bertha Pugsley and has a son, Payton Burgess, who married Crystal Luce and has one child, Dwain. Anna Maud Keys has been twice married and by her first husband, Frank Connor, has a daughter, Jean, who married Frank Wynn and has a son, Frank, Jr. Following the death of Mr. Connor his widow married Dr. S. Bush, of Cincinnati, and by this second marriage has two children, Virginia and Marion. Lillie Mae Keys married Peter Pugsley, a farmer of Mt. Pleasant township, and

has two children, John and Roberta, the former of whom married Margaret Stewart and has two children, Winifred and Charles. Daisy Dell Keys married George Davis and has one child, a son, Darrell Davis.

CARLOS H. WASSON, local agent for the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company at Daleville, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here the greater part of his active life. Mr. Wasson was born in the village of Albany on January 20, 1871, and is a son of David and Ann (Boots) Wasson, the latter of whom, also a native of Delaware county and a member of one of the pioneer families here, passed away on March 21, 1924. She had been for many years a resident of Farmland in the neighboring county of Randolph. The late David Wasson was born in Butler county, Ohio, and was but a child when his parents came to Delaware county in 1840 and established their home here. He thus grew to manhood here, becoming a carpenter. For some time after his marriage he made his home in Albany and then moved to Farmland, where he spent the remainder of his life and where for years he served as justice of the peace. To him and his wife were born five children, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Florence, wife of Edward B. Patrick, and Mayne M., wife of W. H. Watson. Carlos H. Wasson was six years of age when his parents moved to Farmland in 1877 and he had his schooling in the schools of that pleasant village. He early became interested in railroad station work and at Farmland, in the station of the Big 4 railroad, learned telegraphy and the details of station service and in due time was given a station, his first service as agent having been at Chesterfield. Not long afterward he was placed on "relief" duty and for some time served in this capacity, relieving agents in other stations, and then was made telegraph operator at the Brightwood station, working there and at different places until in 1893, he then being twenty-two years of age, when he secured a leave of absence and spent a year in the Richmond Business College, from which he was graduated in 1894. He then was appointed agent for the old "Bee Line" road (Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railroad—Big 4—now one of the trunk divisions of the great New York Central system) at Daleville and remained there for nearly ten years, or until in March, 1903, when he was transferred to the station at his old home town of Farmland. Mr. Wasson remained at Farmland a little more than a year, or until in April, 1904, when he was returned to Daleville and has ever since been serving as agent at that place, a

period of twenty years of continuous service, this making him the third in point of seniority of the station agents on this division of the New York Central lines. Mr. Wasson is a past chancellor commander of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and is a member of the Order of Railway Telegraphers. He is a Republican. In 1897 Carlos H. Wasson was united in marriage to Agnes Stewart, daughter of Alexander Stewart, and he and his wife have two children, a daughter, Florence, now a registered nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital at Indianapolis, and a son, Warren Wasson.

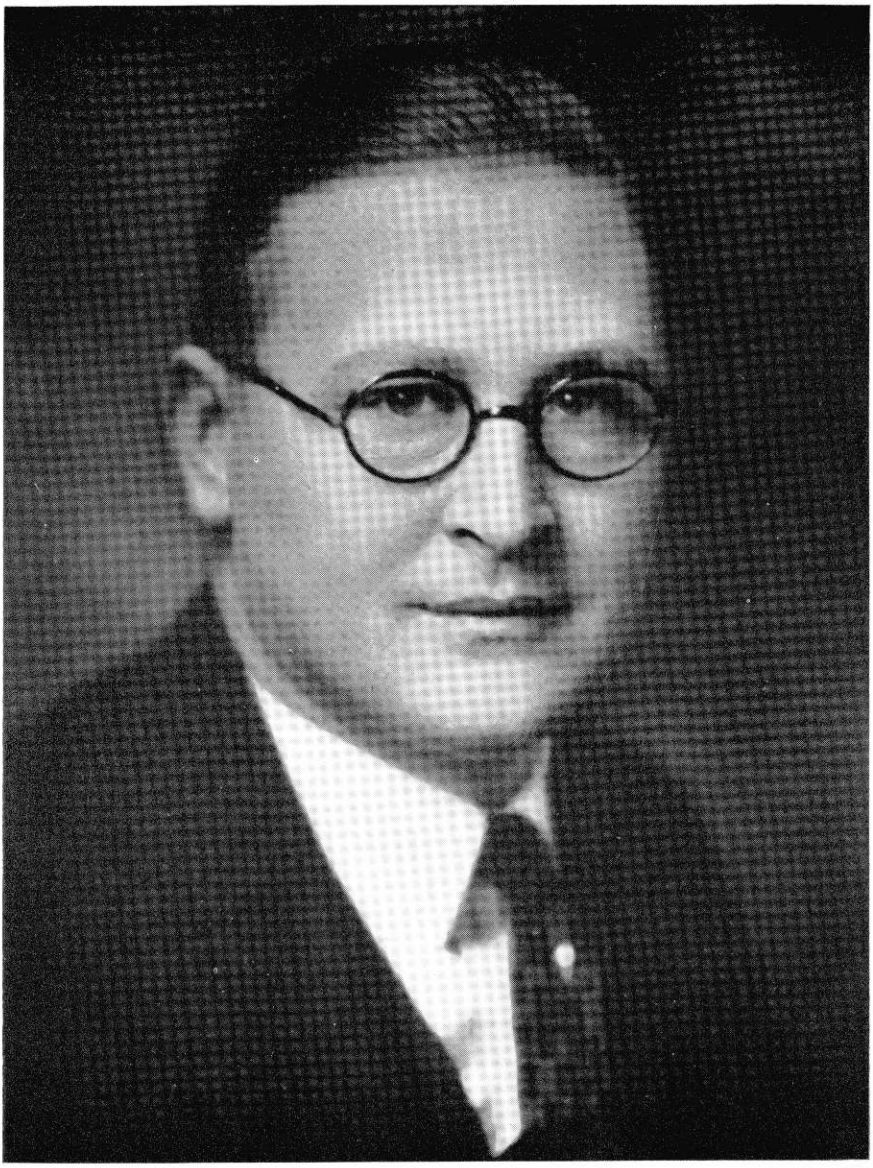
FRANK JOHNSON, manager of the grain elevator, plant and yards of the Farmers Co-operative Company at Yorktown and a farmer and landowner of Mt. Pleasant township and former assessor of that township, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. Mr. Johnson was born on a farm in Monroe township on January 26, 1872, and is a son of Lewis and Mary (Hoober) Johnson, both of whom were born in the neighboring county of Henry but who made their home in Delaware county after their marriage. Reared on the farm, Frank Johnson received his schooling in the district schools of his home neighborhood and remained on the farm with his father until he had attained his majority. He then spent a year working in Muncie, but found the farm more to his liking and returned to the home farm, where he remained until in 1896 when he began farming on his own account, renting his father's place. Four years later he bought a tract of sixteen acres in Mt. Pleasant township, established his home there, increased his acreage there until he now owns forty-eight acres, and continued farming, renting other fields to give him an acreage of from 100 to 160 acres, until in 1921 when he was selected as manager of the plant of the Farmers Co-operative Company at Yorktown and has since been giving his attention to the duties of that responsible position. This co-operative institution, substantially organized among the farmers of the Yorktown neighborhood, maintains a grain elevator in South Walnut street in Yorktown and besides taking care of the grain market also handles seeds of all kinds, coal, fencing, fertilizers and the like, buying and distributing on a mutually helpful and co-operative basis, and has established itself firmly as a useful local marketing agency in that community. Mr. Johnson is a Republican and has served as assessor of his home township. He is affiliated with the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men, and has been "through the chairs" in the latter lodge. Frank Johnson married Clara Parkison, a member of the pioneer

Parkison family of this county, and he and his wife have five children, Adrian, Martin, Carroll, Everett and Helen. Martin Johnson married Georgia Williams and has one child, a son, Donald Eugene Johnson.

SIGEL HANCOCK, a former farmer and landowner of Mt. Pleasant township, later and for some years engaged as a contractor in road construction work and now engaged in the coal business at Yorktown, was born in Mt. Pleasant township, a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, and has lived there all his life. Mr. Hancock was born on November 26, 1861, and is a son of Pollard S. and Sarah Jane (Jones) Hancock, the former of whom, a farmer and school teacher, died in 1875 and the latter, in 1882. Sigel Hancock was thirteen years of age when his father died. He completed his schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood and then helped look after the affairs of the farm in his mother's behalf, remaining with her until her death when he was twenty years of age. He inherited the farm, a small place, and after his marriage established his home there, later adding to the place until he had eighty acres. This he presently sold and then bought another farm, where he made his home until his retirement from the farm and removal to Yorktown, where he became engaged in the mercantile business. About five years later he sold his store and became engaged in contracting, road construction and cement work, and was thus engaged for seven or eight years, or until in 1920 when he turned his attention to the coal business and has since been thus engaged, with a well equipped plant and yards at Yorktown, where he makes his home, he and his family residing in West Smith street. Mr. Hancock is a member of the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America and he and his wife are members of the Christian church and are Republicans. In 1883 Sigel Hancock was united in marriage to Mary E. Humphries, daughter of Ishum Humphries and a member of one of the pioneer families of Delaware county, and they have four children, Homer V., Victor H., Hattie L. and Lottie H., the latter of whom married Farada Kautzman and has one child, a son, Byron J. Kautzman. Hattie L. Hancock married Chester Walker and has three children, Margaret, Leona and Vera. Homer Hancock, former principal of the Garfield school at Muncie and treasurer of the Pontiac Packing Company, married Leona Smith and has two sons, Frederick and Thomas. Victor H. Hancock, general manager of the Pontiac Packing Company, is a graduate of Purdue University and a veteran of the World war. He married Mabel Kirby and has one

child, a daughter, Mary Ruth. During the time of the World war he served with the Engineers and was overseas for sixteen months, including service in the Army of Occupation, and for sixty-one days was under shell fire.

RAY V. SOWERS, president and general manager of the M. H. Tyler Manufacturing Company of Muncie and a veteran of the World war, was born at Portland, in the neighboring county of Jay, December 13, 1890, and is a son of Thomas M. and Rebecca J. (Longwith) Sowers, the latter of whom also was born in Indiana and who are now living at Union City, Ind. Thomas M. Sowers was born in Ohio. For some time after his marriage he made his home in Portland and then moved to Decatur, Ind., later moving to Lima, Ohio, where he resided until he moved to Union City, where he is now engaged as foreman in the plant of the Backstay Leather and Machine Company. He and his wife have three children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Nellie Marie, and a brother, James L. Sowers, the latter of whom also is associated with the work of the M. H. Tyler Manufacturing Company. Ray V. Sowers was graduated from the high school at Union City and then took a business course in a commercial school at Muncie, working his way through school. In August, 1910, he became employed in the plant of the Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company at Muncie and remained with that concern until November, 1917, when he entered the national army for service in the World war and was assigned to Camp Taylor, where he served until he was mustered out as a second lieutenant of field artillery in January, 1919, the war then being over. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Sowers returned to Muncie and became employed in the plant of the Warner Gear Company, where he remained until in April, 1920, when he went to Indianapolis. Not long afterward, however, he returned to Muncie and in that same year became head of the corporation which took over the affairs and plant of the M. H. Tyler Manufacturing Company at Muncie and has since been president of that company and general manager of its affairs, his brother, James L. Sowers, being the advertising manager. This company, with offices and plant at Second and Mulberry streets, is engaged in the manufacture and sale of a household specialty known as Tyler's Ideal Fibre Cutter. This "Handiest Tool in the Kitchen" carries the seal of approval of Good Housekeeping Institute. It is a kitchen utensil with adjustable blades, and is readily converted into a meat tenderer, mince knife, cleaver, ice tool, fish scaler, nut crumbler, pot and pan



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scraper, and a multitude of other things. Under the direction of Mr. Sowers the business of this concern has been greatly increased during the past few years, now having no fewer than 1,000 house-to-house specialty salesmen in the field, daily extending the market for its products. As of January 1, 1924, the officers of the company were: President, Ray V. Sowers; vice-president, H. L. Oliver; secretary, J. L. Sowers; treasurer, W. H. Patterson. Ray V. Sowers is a member of the local post of the American Legion, has served as first vice commander of that patriotic organization and is now a member of the executive committee of the same. He is the present president of the Dynamo Club, the young men's organization of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, and is also a member of the local Rotary Club. On June 2, 1920, Ray V. Sowers was united in marriage to Florence Oliver, of Muncie, daughter of H. L. Oliver, president of the Delaware Trucking Company, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Evelyn. Mr. and Mrs. Sowers are members of the First Presbyterian church and Mr. Sowers is the treasurer of that congregation. He and his family reside at 321½ West Charles street.

EDWARD T. SHARP, proprietor of a well improved farm on the Middletown pike in the Progress neighborhood, part of his farm lying in Salem township and part in Monroe township, and who formerly and for years was engaged in the grain business at Progress, proprietor of the elevator there, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the real pioneer families here, and has lived here all his life. Mr. Sharp was born on a farm in Harrison township, August 22, 1860, and is a son of William and Destamona (Banks) Sharp, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Moffett) Banks, who were among the pioneers of this county. The late William Sharp was born down over the line in Henry county, April 6, 1829, and was but a child in arms when his parents, Edward and Anna (Thompson) Sharp, came up into Delaware county and established their home on a woodland farm in Salem township. Edward Sharp was a Virginian, born in 1801, a son of William Sharp, the latter of whom also was one of the original land entrants in this county. Upon coming to Indiana, Edward Sharp for some time made his home in Henry county and then became attracted to the lands lying north in Delaware county. He entered a tract in section 22 of Salem township, the date of this entry being November 15, 1831, and in the following spring moved up here with his family and established his home on that woodland tract and pro-

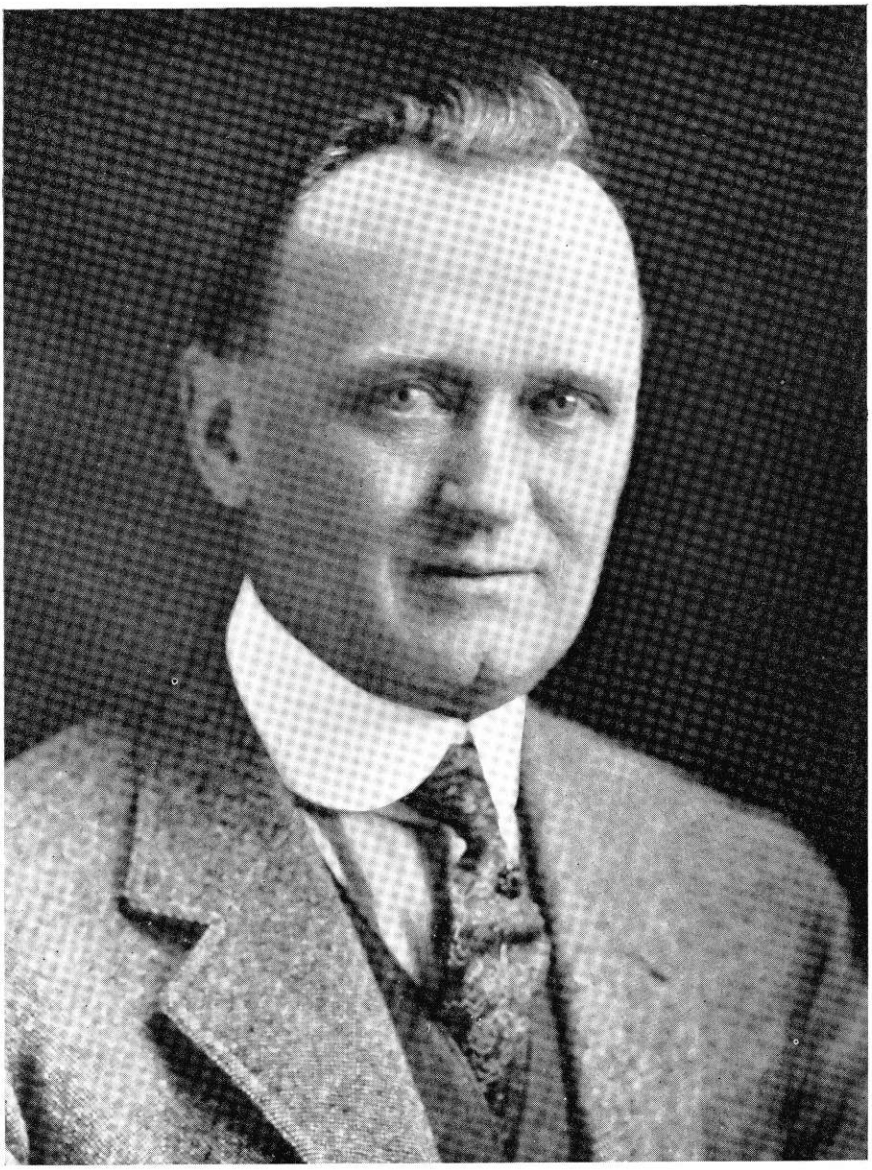
ceeded to make a farm out of the place. There he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1854. His widow survived him until in 1878 and both are buried in the Sharp cemetery. Reared on the home farm in Salem township, William Sharp became a practical farmer and followed that vocation all his life. He married at the age of twenty years and for some time thereafter was engaged in farming in Washington township, later moving to Harrison township, where he remained until in 1861 when he moved back to Salem township, bought a farm of eighty acres there, a part of the old Tomlinson place, and established his permanent home, gradually increasing his land holdings until he became the owner of 300 acres in Salem and Monroe townships. He early took an interest in the raising of good live stock and particularly in the breeding of fine horses did much to raise the standards of horse flesh hereabout. He continued actively interested in farm development until his retirement and his death occurred on July 11, 1923, he then being in his ninety-fifth year. William Sharp was twice married. On December 1, 1849, he married Destamona Banks, to whom reference has been made above, who died in October, 1860, leaving four small children, the subject of this sketch being but an infant. Another child, a son, Perry E., died at the age of eleven months. The other children were another son, Sanford I. Sharp, and two daughters, Mary and Anna. In 1862, following his return to Salem township, William Sharp married Margaret Carmichael, a daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Mansfield) Carmichael, pioneers of this county who had come over here from Ohio in 1832. This latter union was without issue. Reared on the home farm in Salem township, Edward T. Sharp received his schooling in the Moffet school house (district No. 8) and from the days of his boyhood was an active aid in the development of the farm. Following the completion of the Central Indiana railroad twenty years and more ago Mr. Sharp erected a grain elevator at Progress, a station established on that road in the vicinity of the Sharp home, on the township line, and became engaged there in the grain business, a line he followed for about ten years, at the end of which time he sold his elevator and since then has devoted all his attention to the farm. Mr. Sharp is the owner of a well kept place of 187 acres and in addition to his general farming gives proper attention to the raising of live stock. He is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Cowan. In 1885 Edward T. Sharp married Emma Runyon, daughter of Noah and Lydia Runyon, of Salem township, and he and his wife have one child, a son, Webb R. Sharp,

who was graduated from the Cowan high school and is now a railway mail clerk, running between Cincinnati and Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp are Republicans and are members of the Christian church of which Mr. Sharp's father was for many years a deacon.

RUDIE M. JORDAN, one of Yorktown's well established merchants, proprietor of a well stocked general store there, is a native of the Old Dominion but has been a resident of Indiana and of Delaware county since the days of his infancy. Mr. Jordan was born on a farm in Shenandoah county, Virginia, May 17, 1885, and is a son of John and Fannie (Hammond) Jordan, both also natives of Virginia, who in the spring of 1886 came to Indiana with their family and located in Salem township, this county. John Jordan was a farmer and for some time after coming to this county farmed on a rented farm in Salem township. He then bought a tract of twenty-eight acres in Mt. Pleasant township, established his home on that place and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on December 5, 1920. He and his wife had two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Jo Jordan. Rudie M. Jordan grew up to the life of the farm in this county and received his public schooling in the schools at Cross Roads and at Daleville, supplementing this by a course in the old normal school at Muncie. For three years thereafter he was engaged in farming in Salem township and then he sold out and took a course in the Muncie Business College, after which he was for eighteen months employed with the Warner Gear Company, going thence to the office of the Indiana Steel Wire Company at Muncie, where for seven years he was engaged as a bookkeeper. He then became engaged in the mercantile business at Yorktown, in association with his brother Jo, a partnership which continued for nine months, at the end of which time his brother sold his interest in the store to R. D. Pence, thus creating a new partnership. This partnership continued about a year and then Mr. Jordan bought Mr. Pence's interest in the store and has since been carrying on the business alone, carrying a general line of merchandise and an ample stock for the needs of the local trade. Mr. Jordan is a Republican. He is a past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has attained to the Patriarchs Militant degree in that body. He also is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. Rudie M. Jordan married Sarah Agnes Kiger, daughter of the Rev. A. G. Kiger, and he and his wife have two children, a son, John K., and a daughter, Emily, the latter named for her maternal grandmother. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan are members of

the Methodist Episcopal church and during the time of the creation of the Centenary Fund of that church Mr. Jordan was the treasurer of the local congregation's fund in that behalf.

OLIVER J. CAMPBELL, head of the Oliver J. Campbell Candy Company of Muncie and for years actively identified with the commercial interests of that city, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Muncie for more than thirty years or since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Campbell was born at Bridgeport in Belmont county, Ohio, in 1876, and is a son of John and Mary (Davis) Campbell, who in 1893, during the height of the natural gas "boom" here, became residents of Muncie. Oliver J. Campbell was thus seventeen years of age when he came to Muncie in 1893. He had received his schooling at Bridgport and upon coming to Muncie took service with the local plant of the United States Steel Corporation. He later became engaged in the drug business and in 1915 helped to organized the Campbell Ice Cream and Milk Company, an enterprise which has developed into its present considerable proportions, with plant at 1500 South Walnut street. In the meantime Mr. Campbell had been developing a wholesale candy business which gave much promise and he presently disposed of his interest in the ice cream company and gave his attention to the manufacture of candy, establishing the Oliver J. Campbell Candy Company, which he ever since has directed and which has succeeded in building up an important enterprise along that line, with a well equipped factory at 718 South Walnut street, the products of this plant having earned a well deserved popularity throughout a wide trade area, the distribution of the Campbell sweets thus doing much to help carry far the fame and name of "Greater Muncie." In 1914 Mr. Campbell built the Campbell Auditorium at Muncie, a building 135 by 80 feet in general dimension and with a seating capacity of 3,500 persons. He is a Knight of Pythias and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Oliver J. Campbell married Amelia B. Meeks, of Muncie, and has a son, Robert J. Campbell, who is associated with him in the candy business. Mrs. Campbell is a member of one of Muncie's pioneer families, a daughter of James W. and Louisa C. (Hummell) Meeks, the latter of whom was born at Connersville, Ind., daughter of Joseph and Mary Hummell. James W. Meeks was born in Muncie in 1849, a son of Robert Meeks, a pioneer furniture manufacturer and undertaker of whom further and fitting mention is made elsewhere in this work.



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FERDINAND PERL, proprietor of what is regarded as the leading general store at Yorktown and formerly and for years engaged in the live stock trade in that town, is a European by birth but has been a resident of this country and of Delaware county since the days of his young manhood. Mr. Perl was born in the Kingdom of Belgium on March 4, 1863, and was there reared, receiving his schooling in the schools of his native place and for awhile being engaged there in the buying of cattle. Determining then that America was a place of better opportunity than seemed to be awaiting him in his home country he came to the United States and presently made his way out into Indiana and found employment as a farm hand in Mt. Pleasant township, this county, going to work at a wage of $13 a month. For about three years Mr. Perl continued working at farm labor and then he bought a horse and wagon, paying $10 for the former and $8 for the latter, and started out as a countryside huckster, buying butter, eggs and poultry. He continued this line for several years, doing well at it, and then with the wide acquaintance thus acquired he extended his business and became engaged in the buying and selling of hogs and cattle and also started a meat market at Yorktown, and was thus engaged until in 1918, when he bought the old established general store of L. D. Overmire at Yorktown and has since been engaged in the general mercantile business, this store being well stocked and admirably equipped for the needs of the local trade, including as well a meat market. Mr. Perl is a member of the Catholic church. He married Lena Verhulst, who was born in the Kingdom of Holland and who came to this country with her parents when eighteen years of age.

JOHN B. BALDWIN, a veteran carpenter and building contractor at Muncie, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state practically all his life, a resident of Muncie for more than thirty years. Mr. Baldwin was born in the neighboring county of Henry on July 4, 1852, a son of Sanford and Sarah (Mills) Baldwin, the latter of whom, a native of Wayne county, this state, died in Iowa in 1861. Sanford Baldwin, a veteran of the Civil war, was a North Carolinian by birth, who became a civil engineer. During the time of the Civil war he served as a soldier of the Union and upon the completion of that service enlisted for service in the navy and was for a number of years thus in service, during this time becoming acquainted with all the chief ports of the world. After leaving the navy he followed his profession as a civil engineer. John B. Baldwin was about nine years of age when his mother died and he was cared for during the remain-

der of his childhood by kinsfolk, for about four years making his home in Michigan and then with his maternal uncle in Wayne county, this state, his schooling thus being completed in the schools of that county. He remained on the farm with his uncle until he had attained his majority and then, in 1873, took up the carpenter's trade and it was not long until he had become an expert builder. He followed this vocation in Wayne county for fifteen years or more and then established his home in Muncie. It was on April 4, 1890, about the time the gas "boom" was well under way here, that Mr. Baldwin located in Muncie and he ever since has made his home here, engaged in building, for the past ten years or more doing contract work on his own account, and has done well. In 1890, while living in Wayne county, John B. Baldwin was united in marriage to May Elizabeth Venard, who was born in Fountain City, that county, and who died in Muncie in 1894, leaving four children, Ozro, Lewis, Mae and Ruth. Mr. Baldwin is a Republican. He resides at 2009 West Jackson street.

JAMES MONROE SILVERS, M. D., a practicing physician at Muncie, is a native Hoosier and has resided in this state all his life—save one year in Kentucky when a child. Doctor Silvers first saw daylight at Brinkley, Randolph county, on the morning of January 5, 1873. He was the sixth child in order of birth of a family of nine children born to James M. and Malenda E. Silvers. Soon after the birth of "Jimmy," as he was commonly called, his parents moved onto a farm near Mosier's Corner in Randolph county. It was at this place that the doctor attended his first term of school. Before the next term of school commenced his parents had moved to New Mt. Pleasant in Jay county. It was here that the doctor spent his childhood days and received his common school education. His father was a farmer and thresherman and owned and operated a saw mill and a grist mill at New Mt. Pleasant. Needless to say the parents of Doctor Silvers always found plenty of work to keep their children occupied. Upon graduating from the common schools, Doctor Silvers taught his first term of school at Nottingham, in Wells county. The following spring he attended school at the Portland Normal College (now extinct). For six years Doctor Silvers taught school during the winter, attended school during the spring and operated a threshing machine outfit during the summer and fall. He attended the Congregational College (now extinct) at Ridgeville, Ind., when it was an institution of national reputation and its grades accepted for full credit by any college in the United States. The doctor taught his last

term of school in the East Ward of Portland, Ind., in 1889-1890. In the fall of 1900 Doctor Silvers entered the Medical College of Indiana at Indianapolis, from which institution he was graduated in the spring of 1904—on April 22. After graduation he remained at New Mt. Pleasant until fall, when he opened an office at Muncie in Rev. Langdon's Prohibition Flat, south of the railroad. Two weeks afterward he took Dr. Shadday's place at Westchester in Jay county. After two years at Westchester, he went to Powers, in that same county, and six months later to Ridgeville, where he remained but a few months, at the end of which time he and Charley Arbaugh of Portland came to Muncie and opened a sanitarium in the Geiger block on West Charles street. One year later he returned to Ridgeville and continued in active practice there for three years, from 1907 to 1910, when he sold his residence and office to Dr. J. M. Wallace and bought an eighty-acre farm near Vandalia, in Owen county, Indiana. Six months later he sold his farm and moved to Hartford City, Ind., where he practiced for two years, and then sold out to Dr. Charles F. Sexauer. He then came to Muncie and opened an office on Macedonia avenue. He remained here only six months when he located at Albany, at which place he remained in active practice for four years. In the spring of 1918 he sold his residence at Albany and bought the residence where he now lives at 412 South Franklin street, Muncie. During the six years that Doctor Silvers has been in practice at Muncie he has built up a large and lucrative practice and is doing well. On Christmas Day in the year 1897 Dr. J. M. Silvers was united in marriage to Luella E. Collins, daughter of Joseph and Ellen Collins, of Jay county, Indiana. To this union two children were born, Gertrude Modjeska in 1900 and Joseph Chester in 1902. Both children were born during the college days of Doctor Silvers. Gertrude Modjeska Silvers was united in marriage to Archie Middleton on March 3, 1921. They have one child, a son, William Monroe, who was born on June 6, 1922. Joseph Chester Silvers, the son of Doctor and Mrs. Silvers, is a medical student at Indianapolis, in his sophomore year in the medical department of Indiana State University. Doctor Silvers has written more than one hundred excellent poems, of which he has never permitted more than four or five to be published. He is also a gifted speaker and won the prize in an inter-collegiate oratorical contest. More than twenty years ago Doctor Silvers frequently lectured in different pulpits throughout the state. Doctor and Mrs. Silvers and their two children are members

of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church of Muncie. The doctor is also a member of the Muncie Eagle lodge and surgeon for the Republic Iron and Steel Company.

BURL W. HARDESTY, operator of the Hardesty Trucking Company, 121 North Mulberry street, Muncie, was born on a farm on the Burlington pike, about four miles from Muncie, July 12, 1889, and is a son of William S. and Loretta (Hawk) Hardesty, the latter of whom also was born in this county and who in 1891 was burned to death by an explosion of natural gas in her home. William S. Hardesty, who is now living at Winchester, was born in Ohio and was but a child when he came to Indiana with his parents, Samuel Hardesty and wife, the family settling on a farm in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood in Perry township, this county. Samuel Hardesty, a veteran of the Civil war, also was a minister of the gospel and was widely known in his generation as a preacher in that neighborhood. William S. Hardesty grew to manhood on the home farm in Perry township and became a farmer on his own account, for several years making his home in the neighboring county of Randolph. In 1919 he retired from the farm and moved to Muncie, where he remained until in October, 1923, when he moved to Winchester. Some time after the tragic death of his first wife, mother of the subject of this sketch, he married Martha Howell, a daughter of Nathan Howell and to this union was born one child, Delma. Reared on the farm Burl W. Hardesty completed his schooling in Center high school in Perry township and until his marriage continued farming in association with his father. He then made his home at Lynn, over in Randolph county, and there became engaged in a trucking and general transfer business, starting with a team and wagon. For seven years he continued in business at that place and then in 1919 became located at Muncie, where he since has been carrying on his trucking and transfer business, with a well equipped establishment on North Mulberry street. Mr. Hardesty started in business in Muncie with one motor truck and a one-horse wagon and has since expanded his business until now he is operating 7 motor trucks, ranging in capacity up to three and a half tons, and has besides ample storage quarters for the accommodation of his trade. On December 24, 1909, Burl W. Hardesty was united in marriage to Vernice Priddy, who also was born in this county, daughter of Anson and Jane (Turner) Priddy, and he and his wife have one child, a daughter, Christine. The Hardestys reside at 222 East Gilbert street. Mr. Hardesty is a member of the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose.

BURL W. HARDESTY

JOSIAH MINER CROMER, a progressive young farmer of Salem township, residing on the old Cromer homestead farm in the Cross Roads neighborhood in that township, was born in the city of Chicago on December 3, 1894, and is a son of the Rev. Jeremiah Clinton and May (Miner) Cromer, now living at Ft. Wayne, Ind., and the latter of whom was born at New Haven, Conn. The Rev. Jeremiah Clinton Cromer was born on the farm on which his son Josiah now is living and is a son of Josiah Cromer, who was one of the pioneers of the Cross Roads neighborhood, as is set out elsewhere in this work. He early turned his attention to study in preparation for the gospel ministry and after a course in Wittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio, entered Princeton University, from which he was graduated. He then entered the theological school of Yale University and following his graduation there entered the ministry of the Congregational church. For a year he was in charge of a church in New Hampshire and then took charge of the Congregational church at Ft. Wayne, Ind., going thence to Chicago and in turn to Owasso, Mich.; St. Louis, Mo.; Wellington, Ohio, and Vermillion, S. D., from which latter place he returned to Ft. Wayne and has since been living retired at that place. He and his wife have four children, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Edna, Mary and Ruth. Due to his father's ministerial itineracy, Josiah Miner Cromer's boyhood schooling was divided between the schools of St. Louis, Wellington (Ohio) and Vermillion, S. D. Upon completing the course in the high school at Vermillion he entered the South Dakota State University and after two years of study there entered Princeton University, where he spent a year and then entered the Agricultural school of Purdue University in preparation to taking up the life of a practical farmer. In 1917 he came to Delaware county and began the operation of his father's farm of eighty acres in the Cross Roads neighborhood, a part of the old Cromer home farm, and has since been thus engaged, also directing the operations of a farm of fifty-three acres down over the line in Henry county, making his home on the Cromer place on rural mail route No. 1 out of Middletown. Mr. Cromer is a member of the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Middletown. In 1918 Josiah Miner Cromer was united in marriage to Nettie Agnes Walker, daughter of Samuel Walker, of Middletown, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Martha Lois. Mr. and Mrs. Cromer are Republicans and are members of the English Lutheran church, of which Mr. Cromer's paternal grandparents, Josiah Cromer

and wife, were charter members. Mr. Cromer is a teacher in the Sunday school of that congregation. He is a member of the college fraternity Beta Theta Pi.

MILTON HAMILTON, one of Hamilton township's substantial farmers and landowners, now living practically retired at his home on the Granville pike, rural mail route No. 3 out of Muncie, is a member of one of the real pioneer families of Delaware county, the Hamiltons having been represented here since settlement days. Mr. Hamilton was born on a farm in Center township on January 3, 1853, and is a son of Henry and Mary Jane (Coe) Hamilton, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Henry, a daughter of William and Harriet Coe, who were among the pioneers of that county. Henry Hamilton was born in Monongalia county, Virginia (now West Virginia), in 1820, and was a son of Stephen and Ann (McBee) Hamilton, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in Maryland, and who were the parents of eight children. In 1830 Stephen Hamilton came with his family to Delaware county and entered 240 acres of land from the government in section 35 of Center township, along the Granville road, and there made his home, in time coming to be the owner of 400 acres of land and regarded as one of the leading agriculturists of the county. In 1849 Stephen Hamilton and two of his sons, Stephen and Archibald, joined the party of gold seekers which left this county for the California gold fields and were gone for something more than two years. The elder Stephen Hamilton died on May 17, 1872. His wife died on December 11, 1868. Their eight children were Alvin, Washington, Henry, Selina, Mary A., Thomas, Stephen and Archibald, and the Hamilton connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one. Henry Hamilton grew up in this county and as a young man went to Henry county, Illinois, and took over a tract of government land and made a farm out of it. After his marriage he disposed of that place and returned to Delaware county and in association with his brother Archibald became engaged in farming the old home place and in general land development, the brothers eventually becoming the owners of more than 1,000 acres of land in this county, a general partnership that was maintained until in 1868, or for a period of sixteen years. In the division Henry Hamilton retained among his holdings the place on which his son Milton is now living on the Granville pike in Hamilton township, where he made his home, his other holdings giving him around 800 acres of land. He died on March 17, 1884, and his widow survived him less than two years, her

death occurring in January, 1886. They had four sons, all of whom are still living save one, William Henry, familiarly known as Harry, who died at the age of thirty-two years, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Millard Filmore and Carl Elmus Hamilton, who have for many years made their home in the state of Washington. Milton Hamilton also had some years of experience in the West. When twenty years of age he went to California and spent several years prospecting around in the gold fields. He then entered a homestead tract of a half section of land in the then Washington Territory, proved up on the same and remained there until in 1884 when, following the death of his father, he returned home. In the division of the estate following his mother's death two years later he received the home place in Hamilton township and has ever since made his home there. His original holdings there have meantime been increased until now he has a well improved farm of 400 acres. Mr. Hamilton is a York Rite (Knights Templar) Mason and is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his wife are Republicans. At Puget Sound, Wash., December 8, 1885, Milton Hamilton was united in marriage to Hattie C. McArdle, a daughter of John and Harriet McArdle, and to this union one son, Henry C. (deceased), and three daughters were born, Hazel, Louise and Mary, all of whom are married. Hazel Hamilton married Harry Padgett and has two children, Harriet and Barbara. Louise Hamilton married Dudley Williston and has two children, Mary Jane and Bess Ann, and Mary Hamilton married Charles Berry, and has one child, Charles Milton Berry.

DR. O. ARNOLD TUCKER, a veteran of the World war with an officer's commission and a practicing physician at Daleville for the past fifteen years, was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Madison, August 28, 1885, and in 1905 was graduated from the Anderson high school. In the fall of that same year he was matriculated at the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis and in June, 1909, was graduated from that institution. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Tucker opened an office for the practice of medicine at Daleville and has ever since been engaged in practice there with the exception of the period he spent in the army during the time of this country's participation in the World war. On April 29, 1917, the month in which the United States declared war, Doctor Tucker enlisted his services in behalf of the army and on June 1 following was commissioned a first lieutenant. On August 11 following he entered upon active service at Ft. Benjamin Harrison and presently was trans-

ferred to Camp Grant and attached to the 311th Sanitary Train of the 86th Division. Not long afterward he was detailed to Camp Pike on detached service with the 311th Engineers and later was transferred to the Western Reserve Hospital at Cleveland, where he was on special duty until transferred to the 87th Division at Camp Pike. Upon the completion of that detail he was returned to detached service and given charge of the S. A. T. C. Hospital at Valparaiso (Ind.) University, where he also examined recruits. On October 7, 1918, Lieutenant Tucker was promoted to the rank of captain and on November 29, 1918, the war then being over, he was assigned to Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, as an instructor and was thus in service until his honorable discharge on December 23, 1918. Upon the completion of his military service Captain Tucker returned to Daleville, resumed his practice there and has since been thus engaged. Dr. O. Arnold Tucker married Lillian Olcott Russell and has one child, a daughter, Jeanne.

P. E. JORDAN, secretary of the City Ice and Cold Storage Company of Muncie, has been connected with that concern for nearly twenty years and is thus widely known in the refrigeration trade throughout this section of the state. Mr. Jordan was born in Delaware county, August 9, 1878, and is a son of Wylie and Elizabeth (Cain) Jordan, the latter of whom was born in North Carolina and was but a child when she came to Indiana with her parents, Nathaniel and Deborah Cain, the family becoming residents of Delaware county. Wylie Jordan was born in Whitley county, Indiana, a son of William and Alice Jordan, and after his marriage became engaged in farming in Delaware county and later moved to Randolph county. To him and his wife were born four sons, the subject of this sketch (the second in order of birth) having three brothers, Fred M., C. S. and E. R. Jordan. Reared in Randolph county, P. E. Jordan received his common schooling in the schools of that county and then took a course in a business college, specializing in accountancy, and became an auditor. In 1906 Mr. Jordan became connected with the organization now known as the City Ice and Cold Storage Company of Muncie as bookkeeper, and in 1908 became secretary of the company and ever since has been engaged in that business, the plant of this company, at 423 Plum street, being one of the most extensive of the kind in eastern Indiana. Mr. Jordan is a Freemason. He and his wife reside at 1122 East Jackson street. Mrs. Jordan (Mary F. Snider) is a daughter of J. B. and Martha Snider, of Muncie.

P. E. JORDAN

WILLIAM W. WILSON, a substantial farmer and landowner of Center township, and a widely known breeder of purebred cattle, living on the Proctor road southwest of Muncie, was born on the farm on which he is now living and has resided there all his life. Mr. Wilson was born on April 24, 1869, and is a son of William W. and Frances (Stewart) Wilson, the latter of whom also was born in this county, in 1841, a daughter of Warren Stewart, one of the pioneers of the county. The late William W. Wilson was a native of Fayette county, this state. About the year 1860 he came to Delaware county and settled on a quarter section of land southwest of Muncie in Center township, where he established his home and became a well-to-do farmer, the owner at the time of his death in 1884 of 440 acres of land. He was twice married. By his first wife, Margaret Post, of Fayette county, he was the father of three sons, Watt, Jeremiah and Charles, the two former of whom are still living. The mother of these sons died and in 1865 he married Frances Stewart, who survived him for more than twenty-five years, her death occurring in 1910. To that union were born three children, two sons and a daughter, those besides the subject of this sketch being Margaret E., wife of Carl Huffer, and Robert W. Wilson, better known in the community as "Bert" Wilson. The junior William W. Wilson was fourteen years of age when his father died. He remained on the farm with his mother and upon completing his schooling gave his whole attention to the farm. After his marriage he continued to make his home there, where he now resides, south of Union Chapel church, and is now the owner of a fine farm of 290 acres. From the days of his boyhood Mr. Wilson has been interested in the breeding of purebred live stock. Formerly and for years he gave his chief attention to the breeding of Cotswold and Southdown sheep, importing his breeding stock from England, and in this line did much to improve the standards of sheep stock hereabout. In 1908 Mr. Wilson and his brother Bert took up the breeding of purebred Aberdeen-Angus cattle, starting with a carefully selected herd, and in 1911 they were able to enter the field as exhibitors. It was in that year that their Aberdeen-Angus bull, "Queen's Quality," was awarded the junior championship in his class at the International Stock Show. In the following year, 1912, the Wilson brothers' choice Aberdeen-Angus cow, "Queen Mother Johnson," was awarded the prize as grand champion of the show. The Wilson herd also from time to time at various state fairs has won grand prizes and the products of this stock farm thus have come to be in wide demand for breeding pur-

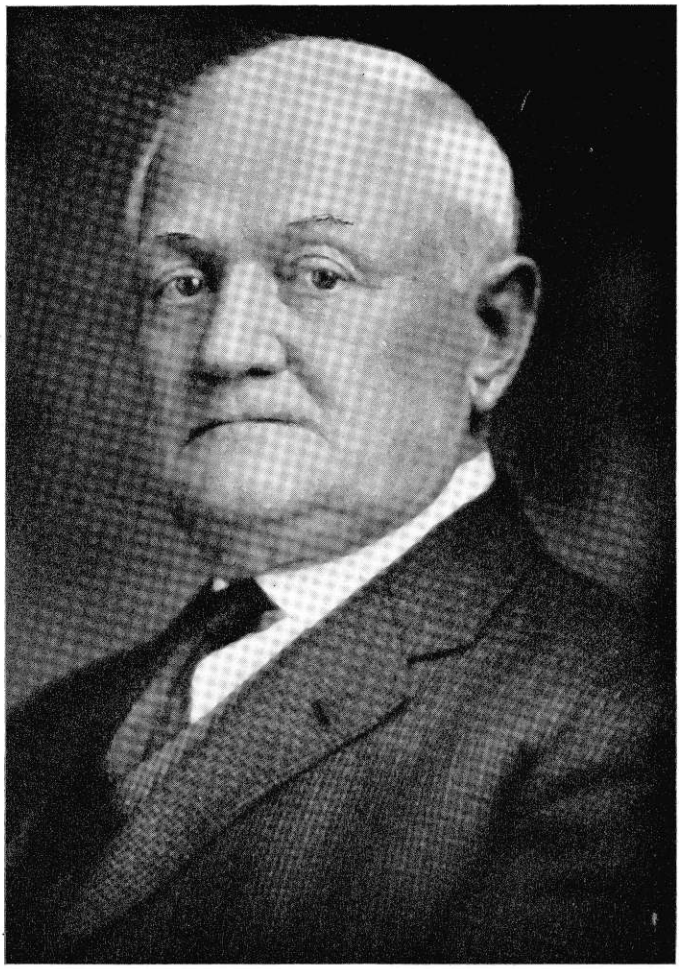
poses. William W. Wilson has been twice married. In 1901 he married Ida Douglas, who was born at Washington C. H., Ohio, and who died in 1912. To that union were born two children, Lois Ann and William Robert. On October 27, 1920, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Judithe Marhoney, who was born at Crawfordsville, Ind., daughter of A. C. and Elizabeth Jane (Epperson) Marhoney. Mr. Wilson is a Democrat. His home is situated on rural mail route No. 10 out of Muncie.

DAVID PORTER CAMPBELL, former representative in the General Assembly of the state of Indiana from this county, one of the organizers and the first president of the Western Reserve Life Insurance Company of Muncie, founder of the Campbell Ice Cream and Milk Company and formerly and for many years engaged in the drug business at Muncie, left a good memory in this community at the time of his passing, and it is but proper that there should be carried here in the definite history of the county in which he spent the mature years of his life some slight tribute to that memory. Mr. Campbell was born at Tabor, Ind., in 1867, and was a son of Capt. John and Mary (Gentry) Campbell, the former of whom was a veteran of the Civil war. Early becoming attracted to the drug business, David P. Campbell became engaged in the drug business at Gosport, in Owen county, this state, and presently moved to Spencer, county seat of that county, where he continued in the drug business until in 1892, when, attracted by the "boom" then in progress here he moved to Muncie and became engaged in the drug business here, head of the firm of Campbell & Cantwell. He presently became sole owner of this business and later formed a partnership in the business with his brother, B. N. Campbell, which mutually agreeable arrangement continued until his death. Mr. Campbell married about three years after taking up his residence in Muncie and thus established his home here. As a development of the growing business in the ice cream trade at his drug store he organized and developed the Campbell Ice Cream and Milk Company, which is still a going concern at Muncie. In 1906 when the Western Reserve Life Insurance Company was organized at Muncie he was one of the active promoters of that institution and was elected president of the company, an executive position he continued to occupy until his death. In 1910 Mr. Campbell was elected to represent this county in the House of Representatives of the Indiana General Assembly and served in that capacity during the 1911 session of the Legislature. He was a Freemason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the

Mystic Shrine. Mr. Campbell died at his home in Muncie on December 11, 1919, and his widow continues to make her home here, residing at 316 West Adams street. Mrs. Campbell (Minnie P. McKillip) was born in Clinton county, Indiana, and has been a resident of Muncie for more than forty years. She is the only daughter and only surviving child of Thomas and Cyenda (Wilson) McKillip, the latter of whom was born in Clinton county, Ohio, daughter of Philip and Sallie (Holliday) Wilson. The late Thomas McKillip, who for years was one of Muncie's foremost newspaper men, was born in the vicinity of the village of Jeffersonville, in Fayette county, Ohio, in 1840, and was a son of Thomas and Mary (Powell) McKillip, both members of pioneer families in that county, the McKillips having settled there upon coming from North Carolina in 1809. Reared to farming, the junior Thomas McKillip remained in Ohio until he was twenty-five years of age when, in 1865, he came to Indiana and established his home on a stock farm of 400 acres in Clinton county, where for years he did well in the live stock business. During the panic of 1873 he was hard hit in a financial way and he gradually closed out his business there and in 1882 came to Muncie. Mr. McKillip was an ardent Democrat and he presently decided that Delaware county had no proper representation in the Democratic newspaper field. In 1885 he bought the plant of a moribund newspaper at Newcastle and moved it to Muncie where, as is set out elsewhere, on October 2, 1885, he issued the first number of the Muncie *Daily Herald,* a paper that for years afterward wielded a large influence in this community. In 1891 the late Frank D. Haimbaugh became associated with Mr. McKillip in the publication of this paper, a story that also is carried elsewhere in this work, and the *Herald* continued publication until in 1905 when it was merged with the *Times* and became the present *Press.* Mr. McKillip long served as chairman of the Delaware county Democratic central committee and in his generation was a figure to be reckoned with in the councils of that party in eastern Indiana. Nearly thirty years ago it was written of the old *Herald* that "it was nurtured in the lap of poverty," which was true enough, for when Thomas McKillip founded the paper he had a very slender financial margin to go on. In that same connection it was written that "Mr. McKillip, ever persistent and energetic, absolutely 'footed it' all through the county, soliciting subscriptions and business for the paper and at last succeeded in establishing on a sure foundation this journalistic 'little giant' that has so triumphantly withstood the onslaughts of its political foes in this overwhelming Republican

county." Thomas McKillip died in 1908 and his widow died in January, 1918. Besides their daughter, Mrs. Campbell, they had two sons, William and Daniel, both now deceased.

E. B. SLACK, veteran coal dealer at Muncie and formerly and for years engaged in the grain business in that city and in some of the other towns of the county, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. Mr. Slack was born at Yorktown on April 18, 1859, and is a son of Dr. George W. and Mary Louise (Hardin) Slack, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania and had come to Indiana with their respective parents in pioneer days. Dr. George W. Slack, whose memory ever will be kept green in the Yorktown neighborhood, was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1825, and was twelve years of age when he came to Indiana with his parents in 1837, the family settling in Mt. Pleasant township, this county, where he grew to manhood. In 1854 he was graduated from Rush Medical College at Chicago and became engaged in practice at Yorktown, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on January 14, 1886. Not only was Doctor Slack widely known as a physician but he also had high local repute as an authority on agricultural and horticultural subjects. In Doctor Kemper's "Medical History of Delaware County" it is written of him that "he was a Christian gentleman of the highest type," an estimate that is lovingly confirmed by those of his contemporaries who still survive. Of the children born to Dr. George W. Slack and wife six grew to maturity. Of these latter four are still living, the subject of this sketch having three brothers, E. R., O. P. and J. K. Slack. Reared at Yorktown, E. B. Slack received his schooling in the schools of that village and as a young man was for some time engaged in farming in that neighborhood. He then went to Indianapolis and became employed in the Atkins saw works, a saw filer, and was thus engaged for ten years, during which time he put the finishing touches on the saws which became a part of the Atkins exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893. Upon leaving Indianapolis, E. B. Slack became associated with his brother, J. K. Slack, in the grain and live stock business, the brothers buying the O. W. Crabs grain interests. They developed quite a business in this line, grain and live stock, with elevators at Muncie, Royerton and Oakville, and were thus engaged for years or until J. K. Slack sold his interest in the business to the Jay Grain Company of St. Marys, Ohio. E. B. Slack retained the Muncie establishment but presently sold his Royerton and Oakville



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interests, and as conditions in the trade changed to conform to the changing systems of distribution after awhile retired from the grain business altogether and has since been devoting his whole attention to his growing coal business, with an ample and well equipped coal yard at 1215 West Second street. E. B. Slack married Anna Thornburg and he and his wife reside at 621 West North street. They are members of the Baptist church, Mr. Slack being a deacon and are Democrats.

FRANCIS MARION LEE, a substantial farmer and landowner of Harrison township, owner of a well improved farm known as the "Sugar Grove Farm" on rural mail route No. 8 out of Muncie, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. Mr. Lee was born on January 10, 1855, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Smith) Lee, the latter of whom was born in Clinton county, Ohio, in 1817, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Reel) Smith, who were among the pioneers of that section of Ohio. Samuel Lee also was born in Clinton county, in 1814, and was a son of John and Rebecca (Wright) Lee, the former of whom was born on April 16, 1782, and died in 1847. Samuel Lee and Elizabeth Smith were married in 1837 and in 1841 came over into Indiana and located in this county, establishing their home on a farm in Harrison township. There Samuel Lee died in 1893. Of the thirteen children born to him and his wife all grew to maturity save two sons, those besides the subject of this sketch being Martha Jane, Rebecca, Ellen, Hester Ann, John W., Goldson A., Sarah B., James, Clara Alice and Sherman M. Upon coming to Delaware county Samuel Lee bought an "eighty" in Harrison township and gradually added to his land holdings until at one time he was the owner of more than 400 acres in that section of the county. Francis M. Lee grew to manhood on the home farm in Harrison township and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He married at the age of twenty-one years and then began farming on his own account, starting as a renter. A few years later he bought a tract of fifty acres and not long afterward traded that tract for a farm of fifty-nine acres, the place on which he is now living, and has since resided there. To this tract he added an adjoining tract of thirty-two acres and now has a farm of ninety-one acres, which has been improved in admirable fashion. Mr. Lee is a Republican and is a member of the Christian church. It was on November 23, 1876, that Francis M. Lee was united in marriage to Sarah F. Goodrich, who died in February, 1901. To that union were born eleven children, Florence Pearl, Sarah Elizabeth (deceased), George

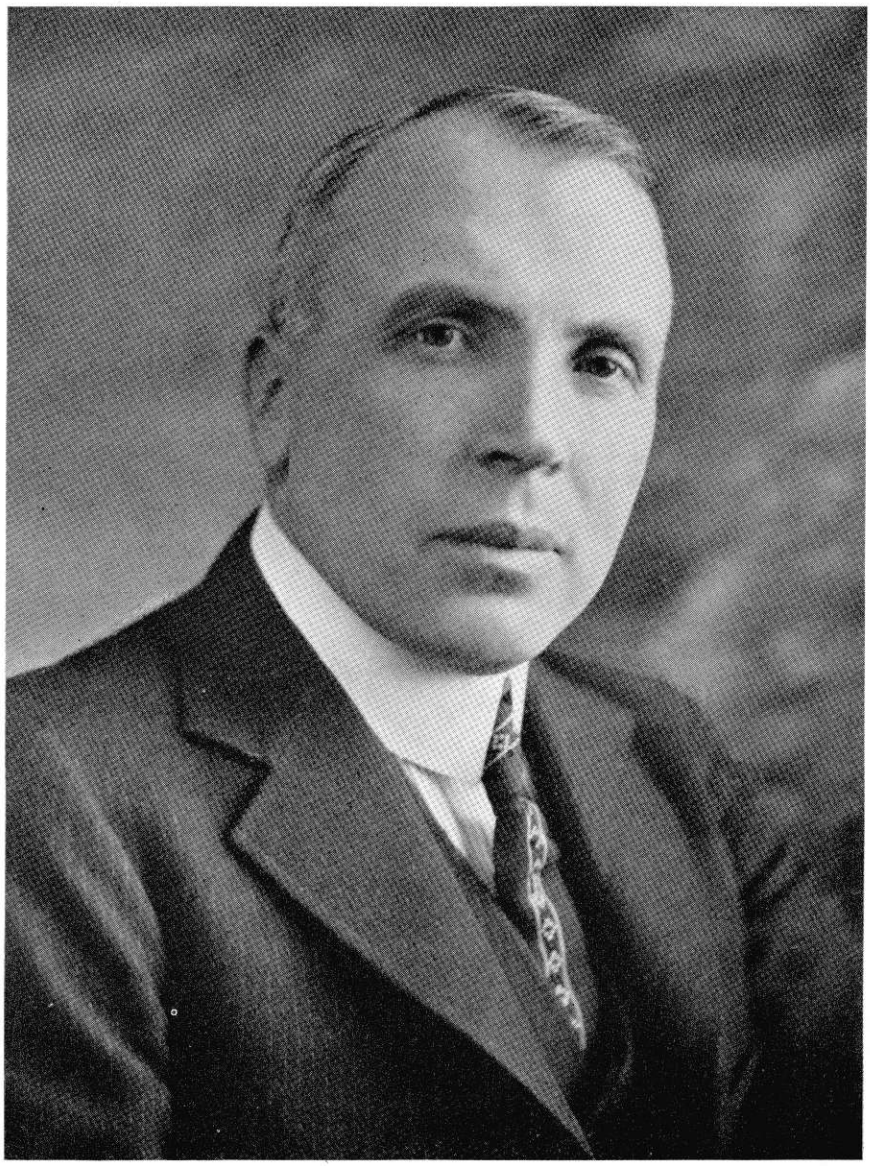
W. (deceased), Elmer V., Sherman, Ray F., Mamie, Fern, Mark, Samuel and one who died in infancy. Mr. Lee has nineteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. The late Mrs. Sarah F. (Goodrich) Lee was born in the neighboring county of Randolph and was a daughter of James and Sarah (Taylor) Goodrich, who had come into Indiana from Ohio not long after the Lees had settled here in the early '40s of the past century.

HOWARD WARFEL, technical inspector of the engineering department of the Muncie Products Company and vice president and general manager of the York Tool and Manufacturing Company of Yorktown, was born at Yorktown, where he now makes his home, and is a member of one of the pioneer families of Delaware county, the Warfels having been represented in this county since 1840, the first of the family in this county having come here from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Howard Warfel was born on February 19, 1889, and was reared at Yorktown. He supplemented the schooling he received in the local schools by attendance on the Howe Military School and the Ohio Military Institute and then took a course of teacher training at Butler University, Indianapolis, after which he became engaged as a teacher in the Ohio Military Institute at Cincinnati and was for more than three years thus engaged, during which time he took a course in the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Meanwhile he had become an expert draftsman and in 1913 he gave up school work and returned to Yorktown, where he became connected with the drafting department of the local plant of the Interstate Motor Company. Two years later he transferred his services to the Maxwell Motor Company and was connected with that concern as a mechanical draftsman when this country took a hand in the World war in the spring of 1917. In order to apply his technical skill to war work Mr. Warfel transferred his services to the military motors department of the Nordyke & Marmon Company at Indianapolis and was there engaged as chief tool designer in the military airplane section of that plant until the close of the war, after which he returned to the Maxwell company as assistant chief tool designer. Two years later Mr. Warfel returned to Yorktown and organized there the York Tool and Manufacturing Company, of which he was made vice president and general manager, and has since been thus engaged, this concern making a specialty of the manufacture of all kinds of special tool work, such as punches, dies, jigs, fixtures, gauges and the like. In addition to his duties in this connection Mr. Warfel has been engaged also, since in March, 1922, as the technical checker or inspector in the engineer-

ing department of the Muncie Products Company, his time thus being divided between Muncie and Yorktown. Mr. Warfel is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and of the college fraternity Alpha Phi Sigma. He also is a Freemason and is likewise affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Muncie. In 1917 Howard Warfel was united in marriage to Gladys M. Overmire, daughter of Lewis D. and Emma E. (Oerther) Overmire, of Yorktown, concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Miriam Elaine. Mr. and Mrs. Warfel are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Yorktown.

JOHN W. METZCAR, manager of the Western Reserve Condensed Milk Company of Yorktown, is a native of Ohio but has been a resident of Indiana and of Delaware county for many years. Mr. Metzcar was born on a farm in the vicinity of Greenville, in Darke county, Ohio, November 11, 1877, and is a son of Daniel and Emma (Wissinger) Metzcar, the latter of whom was born in Baltimore, Md. The late Daniel Metzcar was born in Darke county, Ohio, grew to manhood on a farm there and was a farmer all his life. John W. Metzcar was reared on the home farm in Darke county and as a young man was for some time employed working in a hotel at Greenville. He then came over into Indiana and became employed working in a glass factory at Yorktown, became a glass blower, and was thus engaged for six years, at the end of which time he became connected with the operation of the Union Fibre Company of Yorktown. For thirteen years Mr. Metzcar was employed with the Union Fibre Company, or until early in 1918, when he transferred his connection to the operations of the Western Reserve Condensed Milk Company of Yorktown. Five months later, in September of that year, he was made manager of the plant and operations of this company and has since occupied that position, general manager of a concern for whose products a wide market has been created. Mr. Metzcar is a Republican. He is affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men at Yorktown and has been "through the chairs" in all of these lodges. He and his wife are members of the Christian (Disciples) church. John W. Metzcar married Myrtle Fletcher, daughter of Fountain Fletcher and a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, and he and his wife have four children, Paul, Crystal, Juanita and Maurice Metzcar. Paul Metzcar married Beatrice Hoffman and is now principal of the Cammack school.

JOHN UDELL, treasurer of the Muncie Malleable Foundry Company, is of European birth but has been a resident of this country since the days of his young manhood. Mr. Udell was born in Finland on September 19, 1880, and is a son of Jonas and Johanna Udell, Swedish people, who emigrated to the eastern border of Finland where John Udell received his education in the Swedish school of that community. He was given good schooling and when nineteen years of age came to the United States and proceeded on out into Michigan, where at Dollar Bay he became employed in railway maintenance work, his first employment in America. Not long afterward he became employed in a copper stamping mill and after about a year of this sort of labor decided that the way of betterment lay along the lines of a somewhat broader schooling and he went to Chicago and entered the North Park College, where he took the general course, with special stress on commercial forms. During the vacation periods while in college Mr. Udell was engaged working on a Swedish language newspaper in New York city and upon leaving college he became engaged in lecturing in behalf of the temperance cause and organizing temperance societies in communities largely populated by persons of Swedish-American stock. One period of nine months was thus spent and he later spent another period of eight months in the same behalf, while thus engaged traveling from coast to coast. He then returned to Michigan and became employed in the First National Bank at Ludington, where he remained for five years, at the end of which time he was elected cashier of the Farmers Bank of that place. Two years later he took a trip to California, with a view to possible settlement on the coast, but after two years spent there returned to Michigan and became connected with the operations of the Benton Harbor Malleable Foundry Company as an accountant, presently being made assistant treasurer of the concern. In December, 1919, he was elected treasurer of the Muncie Malleable Foundry Company and has since been thus connected with the operations of this extensive concern. The plant of the Muncie Malleable Foundry Company in Highland avenue is the Whiteley Malleable Castings Company, modernized and brought up to the standards required by the new processes in making malleable iron. This was one of the first such plants that successfully melted iron with pulverized coal and several hundreds of thousands of dollars have been expended in bringing it up to its present standard of production. Mr. Udell is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the local Kiwanis Club and is also a Knight of Pythias.



JOHN UDELL

In 1913 at Benton Harbor, Mich., John Udell was united in marriage to Kate L. Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ruth, and to this union two daughters have been born, Elaine Ruth and Valerie Claire. Mr. and Mrs. Udell are members of the Presbyterian church. They reside at 734 Wheeling avenue.

THOMAS HIATT, former sheriff of Delaware county and a substantial landowner of this county, now making his home at Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families of this section of the state, and has lived here all his life. Mr. Hiatt was born on a farm in Perry township on January 28, 1863, and is a son of Solomon and Elizabeth (McAllister) Hiatt, the latter of whom was a daughter of Ezekiel McAllister, one of the pioneers of this region and three of whose sons, Isaac, William and Thomas McAllister, were soldiers of the Union during the Civil war. Ezekiel McAllister was one of the early residents of old Muncietown and had a hand in the clearing of the public square there. Dillon Hiatt, a kinsman of Solomon Hiatt, was a captain in the Union army during the time of the Civil war. Solomon Hiatt was born in the neighboring county of Henry on December 20, 1833, and was a son of John and Charity Hiatt, who had come into Indiana from Guilford county, North Carolina, and had established their home in Henry county and whose descendants in the present generation form a numerous connection throughout this section of the state. Not long after his marriage in the fall of 1856, Solomon Hiatt established his home on a farm in Perry township, this county, and became one of the substantial citizens of that community. In 1864 he moved to Harrison township, where he developed a good farm and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on July 17, 1906. For eight years beginning in 1884 he had served as justice of the peace in and for that township. His widow survived him just two weeks, her death occurring on the 31st of that same month. She was born in this county on October 13, 1839. To Solomon and Elizabeth (McAllister) Hiatt were born eleven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Alexander, Adeline, Oliver, William, Melvina, Martha, Leroy, Elizabeth, Della and Emma. Reared on the home farm in Harrison township, Thomas Hiatt received his schooling in the local schools and from the days of his boyhod has been interested in farm operations, now the owner of a well kept farm of 114 acres in Mt. Pleasant township, to the operation of which he gives his attention, though making his home in the city. For years also Mr. Hiatt was engaged

as a contractor in road and ditch operations and became widely known throughout the county. In 1916 he was elected sheriff of Delaware county and by re-election served for two terms in that important public office, since which time he has made his home at Muncie, he and his family residing at 1004 East Jackson street. He is a Republican and a member of the United Brethren church. In 1887 Thomas Hiatt was united in marriage to Effie Jane Collins, who also was born in this county, daughter of James and Susan (Meyers) Collins, of Monroe township. Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt have five children, all of whom are married save the last born, Nellie; the others being Francis, who married Mattie Daff; Cleo, who married Hazel Warfel and has two children, James Thomas and Robert Allen; Kenton, who married Marie Miller, and Mabel, who married Harry Pfleeger and has one child, a daughter, Marilyn Ann. Kenton Hiatt is a veteran of the World war, a volunteer in the national army, who served in the Motor Transport service overseas for one year, this service including participation in the activities of the Army of Occupation. Mrs. Hiatt's parents both were born in Ohio but were married in this county, settling then on a farm in Monroe township. Of the eight children born to them five grew to maturity, Mrs. Hiatt and her four brothers, William, Marion, Perry and Samuel Collins.

JOSEPH SHEETS, a substantial farmer and landowner of Hamilton township, residing on the Studebaker pike, rural mail route No. 3 out of Muncie, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Indiana and of Delaware county since the days of his boyhood, a period of nearly seventy years. Mr. Sheets was born in Warren county, Ohio, March 17, 1847, and was nine years of age when in 1856 he came to Delaware county with his parents, Abraham and Elizabeth (Monger) Sheets, the latter of whom also was a native of Ohio, the family settling in Hamilton township. Abraham Sheets was a Virginian by birth and had moved into Ohio with his parents when he was but an infant. Upon coming to Delaware county with his family he bought a quarter section of land in what later came to be the Royerton neighborhood and there started to make a farm. In 1865 he bought another quarter section, including the place on which his son Joseph now lives, and thus had 320 acres, which he continued to operate until his death. His widow survived him for four years. Joseph Sheets grew up on that farm and has been interested in farm development all his life. Following his father's death he continued to operate the farm in his mother's behalf and after her death he took over eighty acres of the home

place and has continued to make his home there. He increased his holdings until at one time he was the owner of 200 acres, fifty acres of which he later sold and now has 150 acres, to the continued operation of which he still gives his supervisory attention, though practically retired from the active labors of the farm. Mr. Sheets is a Republican and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Sheets's wife died on September 11, 1895. She was Mary Ellen Shafer, a daughter of Adam and Ellen (Graves) Shafer, and left three children, two daughters, Nellie and Edith, and a son, Walter A. Sheets, the latter of whom married Daisy Stradling and is living at Royerton. Nellie Sheets married Rea Riggins, also of Hamilton township, and has nine children, Joseph, Clarence, Adam, Robert, Miriam, Lloyd, Fred, Carl and Jean. Edith Sheets married Clark Snider, of Hamilton, and has three children, Francis, Mary Louise and Jerusha. Joseph Riggins married Lois Jones and Adam Riggins married Violet Crusius.

JOHN HOFHERR, farmer and landowner of Mt. Pleasant township, has been a resident of Delaware county since he was six years of age, a period of nearly seventy years, and thus has seen many notable changes in farm methods hereabout since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Hofherr was born at Connersville, in Fayette county, this state, June 25, 1856, and is a son of Philip J. and Mary (Greisheimer) Hofherr, who established their home on a farm in Mt. Pleasant township in 1862, and whose last days were spent in this county, as is set out elsewhere in this volume, together with further interesting details regarding the Hofherr family in this county. Philip Jacob Hofherr, who in his generation was widely known hereabout as a music master, died in 1901 and his widow survived him until in 1911. They had nine children, all of whom are still living, and the Hofherr connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one. John Hofherr grew up on the home farm in the southeastern part of Mt. Pleasant township, near the Salem township line, and his schooling was received in the district schools of the latter township. As a young man he bought a farm of fifty-eight acres in his home township and following his marriage about three years later established his home there and continued to farm that place for some years, at the end of which time he sold that place and bought a tract of 119 acres to which he moved and on which latter place he made his home until in 1917 when he bought a tract of sixty-three acres of the old Hofherr home place and has since lived on this latter place, the owner of 182 acres of well improved

farm land. Since taking over this place Mr. Hofherr has erected a modern dwelling house on the place and has otherwise improved it in accordance with modern standards. This farm is located on the Wiggerly road, rural mail route No. 2 out of Yorktown. John Hofherr married Sarah Wilt, daughter of Israel and Elizabeth C. Wilt, and to that union was born one child, a daughter, Bertha, who married Kenneth G. Pierce and who died on April 2, 1924, leaving three children, Edith Ethel, Fredia Elizabeth and John William Pierce. Another of her children, Kenneth G. Pierce, Jr., died in infancy.

JOHN G. MALNOSKI, general manager of the great plant of the Muncie Malleable Foundry Company and as such one of the leading factors in the industrial life of the city, was born at Grand Rapids, Mich., October 23, 1886, and is a son of John and Florentine Malnoski, natives of Poland, who came to America following their marriage and settled at Grand Rapids. John Malnoski, who is a tailor, is now living at Lansing, Mich. Reared at Grand Rapids, John G. Malnoski received his schooling in the schools of that city and upon leaving the high school entered the offices of the Pere Marquette railroad there, in the clerical department, and continued engaged in railroad office work, there and in one or two other Michigan cities, until in 1913, when he became connected with the operations of a malleable iron foundry at Benton Harbor. In this relation Mr. Malnoski became thoroughly familiar with the details of the malleable iron industry and when the change in organization of the old Whiteley malleable iron works at Muncie was effected in 1919 he was placed in charge of operations here as the general manager of the new organization, known as the Muncie Malleable Foundry Company. The plant of this company in Highland avenue occupies the site of the old Whiteley Malleable Castings Company's plant which was destroyed by fire in 1916. The buildings were rebuilt but not equipped with machinery and in 1919 the Muncie Malleable Foundry Company bought the plant and installed in the same a complete equipment of modern machinery at a cost of many hundreds of thousands of dollars, this equipment including the first installation in this country successfully to melt iron with pulverized coal. In other respects also the great factory was modernized in all essential details to bring it up to all up-to-date requirements. The plant now employs right around 450 persons and has a capacity of around 15,000 tons of malleable castings a year. About 50 per cent of the stock of the Muncie Malleable Foundry Company is held in Benton

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Harbor, 25 per cent in Lansing and 25 per cent in Muncie. Under the new direction it is coming to be recognized as one of the leading industrial plants in eastern Indiana, and its present plans for expansion promise much in the way of its future development. It was on December 1, 1919, that Mr. Malnoski entered upon his present connection with this company and he has since concentrated his attention upon the direction of the operations of the great plant which is under his charge. On November 25, 1908, at St. Joseph, Mich., John G. Malnoski was united in marriage to Augusta Greiger, who was born in that city, daughter of Paul Greiger, and to this union three children have been born, Edward, Ruth and Vincent. The Malnoskis reside at 224 North Hackley street. Mr. and Mrs. Malnoski are members of Trinity Lutheran church of Muncie and he is a member of the local Kiwanis Club.

DR. OWEN WALTER OWENS, who died at his home in Muncie in 1921 and whose widow is still living here, maintaining her residence at 220 West Jackson street, had been a resident of Muncie since 1900, in which year he became engaged in the practice of medicine here, coming over from Ohio. Doctor Owens was a native of the old Buckeye state, born in the pleasant village of Venedocia, in Van-Wert county, Ohio, January 22, 1869, a son of David J. and Mary (Jenkins) Owens, the latter of whom also was born in Ohio, of Welsh parentage. David J. Owens was born at Anglesey, Wales, and was six years of age when he came to this country with his parents, the family establishing their home in VanWert county, Ohio, where David J. Owens grew to manhood and where he became a substantial farmer and landowner. Owen Walter Owens grew up at Venedocia and his local schooling was completed in the normal school in the neighboring town of Middlepoint. For five years he was engaged as a school teacher in the schools of his home county, meantime pursuing preparatory studies in medicine, and then entered the Hahnemann (homeopathic) Medical College at Chicago and in 1897 was graduated from that institution. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Owens returned home and opened an office for practice at Venedocia, where he remained for about three years or until 1900, when he came to Muncie and permanently located here. Here he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on February 5, 1921. In 1902, about two years after taking up his residence in Muncie, Dr. Owen W. Owens was united in marriage to Elizabeth M. Davies, who, as noted above, survives her husband and is still living at Muncie. Mrs. Owens also was born in VanWert county, Ohio,

and, like her late husband, also is of Welsh stock, her parents, Evan G. and Mary (Morgan) Davies, both having been born in Wales. Mrs. Owens has three sons, David Wendell, Walter Evan and Richard Owens, the first named of whom now is a student in Purdue University. Mrs. Owens is a member of the Presbyterian church, as was her late husband. Doctor Owens was a Freemason and also was affiliated with the order of Knights of Pythias. He was a member of the state and national medical associations and of the Muncie Academy of Medicine and the Delaware-Blackford (counties) Medical Society.

L. H. LARUE, a landowner in this county and manager of the Gaston Lumber Company of Gaston, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Delaware county for more than forty years. Mr. LaRue was born on a farm in the vicinity of Brookville, in Franklin county, Indiana, August 6, 1860, and is a son of William R. and Matilda W. (Baker) LaRue, both of whom spent their last days in that county. Reared on a farm in Frankklin county, L. H. LaRue completed his schooling in the Brookville schools and as a young man occupied his time as a farm laborer and in learning the carpenter trade. In the early '80s he came to Delaware county and became engaged working as a carpenter at New Corner, a vocation he was following here when in the late '80s the gas "boom" came on and lifted New Corner up to its newer status as Gaston. With the call for building which followed this sudden development Mr. LaRue started in as a building contractor on his own account and did well, at the same time engaging in the realty business, buying lots and building for the market, and was thus engaged during the height of the gas and oil industry at Gaston. Gradually his business came to center in the lumber yard he had started there as an adjunct of his business and he carried on the lumber business until he sold his yards to Voorhees Smith. Two years later, however, as an active associate in the Gaston Lumber Company he bought back this lumber yard and has since been engaged as the manager of the same. He is the owner of 120 acres of land in Washington and Harrison townships, which he rents out. Mr. LaRue is a Republican. He is a charter member and a past sachem of Sioux Tribe, No. 123, Improved Order of Red Men, at Gaston. This tribe was instituted at Gaston on December 6, 1890, and Mr. LaRue was elected junior sagamore, the third ranking officer of the tribe, upon its organization. L. H. LaRue married Nettie Woodring, daughter of Ezra Woodring, of Gaston.

WILLIAM STEPHENSON, president of the Farmers Co-operative Company of Yorktown, manager of the grain elevator at Cammack and a substantial farmer and landowner of this county, residing on rural mail route No. 8 out of Muncie (the McKinley road), is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. Mr. Stephenson was born on a farm in the lower part of Harrison township, north of Reed, March 23, 1868, and is a son of James L. and Elizabeth Ann (Snow) Stephenson, the latter of whom was born near Zanesville, Ohio, and came to this county with her parents about 1850, the family settling in the Selma neighborhood. James L. Stephenson was a Virginian, born in that section of the Old Dominion now comprised within West Virginia, and in 1844 became a resident of Delaware county, buying an "eighty" in the Bethel neighborhood in Harrison township. He made the initial improvements on that place and then sold it and bought a tract of 195 acres in section 33 of that same township, where he established his home and spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on March 23, 1877. It was on that farm north of Reed that William Stephenson was born and reared. He was nine years old the day his father died. In the distribution of the estate he came in for forty acres, which he later sold and bought a "forty" of his present place in Mt. Pleasant township, his wife having inherited a farm of 142 acres there, a part of the Robert McKinley estate, and he continued farming there until in 1907 when he became engaged in the hardware business at Yorktown. Three years later, in 1910, he sold his business there and returned to the farm, where he since has made his home. On the first of April, 1921, Mr. Stephenson became the manager of the grain elevator at Cammack and has since occupied that position. He also is president of the Farmers Co-operative Company at Yorktown and is thus widely known hereabout as a grain man. The elevator at Cammack was erected in 1919 and has a capacity of 16,000 bushels of grain. Mr. Stephenson is a Republican and a member of the Knights of Pythias and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Yorktown. It was on March 26, 1886, that William Stephenson was united in marriage to Sarah L. McKinley, also a member of one of the old families of this county, and to this union three sons have been born, Richard, Roscoe and Ernest, the first named of whom now alone survives. Richard Stephenson married Edith Cunningham, of Mt. Pleasant township. Mrs. Sarah L. Stephenson was born on the farm on which she is now living and is a daughter of Robert and Laura (Landrey) McKinley, the latter

of whom was a daughter of Joseph Landrey, who came to Delaware county from Troy, Ohio, in the days of his young manhood and became a well-to-do farmer in Mt. Pleasant township. Robert McKinley was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, in 1843, and was but a lad when he came to Delaware county with his parents, Samuel and Sarah (Williamson) McKinley, the family settling on a 320-acre farm in Mt. Pleasant township. When Robert McKinley started out "on his own" as a farmer he inherited eighty acres of the old home place and gradually added to his holdings until he became the owner of about 400 acres. He and his wife had five children, four of whom grew to maturity.

JOHN HENRY SMITH, a veteran of the Civil war and formerly and for years engaged in the bentwood manufacturing line at Muncie, vice president of the Pioneer Pole and Shaft Company, now living retired in that city, was born in the village of Freedom, in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, April 23, 1843, and is a son of Andrew and Margaret Barbara (Foster) Smith, both of whom were born in Germany and the latter of whom was but a babe when brought to this country by her parents. Andrew Smith was born in the German territory of Hesse and when seventeen years of age, in 1835, to escape enforced military service came to the United States and settled at Pittsburg, Pa., where some years later he married Margaret Barbara Foster, afterward locating at Freedom, Pa., where he became engaged in the cooperage business and where he died some years later, leaving his widow with three children, of whom subject of this sketch alone survives, he having had a brother, Jacob, and a sister, Elizabeth, the latter of whom married Samuel Hamilton and spent her last days in Muncie. The Widow Smith married Charles Hartley and by this second union had three sons, William A., George F. and John J. Hartley, who became residents of Muncie and the last named of whom died recently. William A. Hartley is also deceased. Mrs. Hartley spent her last days in Pennsylvania and was seventy-seven years of age at the time of her death. Reared at Freedom, Pa., John Henry Smith received a high school education and was early trained to the cooper's trade. Though but eighteen years of age when the Civil war broke out he attempted twice, immediately following the call to arms, to enlist in the service of the Union, but was rejected. Finally, however, in July, 1863, he was accepted and was sent to the front with Company A of the 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which command he served throughout the remainder of the war and was mustered out on August 7,

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1865. By a curious error in the official history of his command he is listed in that work as having been killed at the battle of Shepardstown, Va. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Smith returned to Freedom and resumed his work as a cooper, with particular reference to the manufacture of oil barrels. He married in the spring of 1867 and continued to make his home at Freedom until in 1871, when he came to Indiana and established a barrel stave factory at Bluffton, making staves for oils barrels, and was thus engaged until that plant was bought up by the Standard Oil Company. He then turned his attention to another branch of the bentwood business, bending wood for carriage stock, and in 1885 moved to Muncie, where in July of that year he established a factory, and he ever since has resided in that city. Upon engaging in business at Muncie he carried on under the firm name of J. H. Smith & Co., which in time was succeeded by the Pioneer Pole and Shaft Company, with a branch at Piqua, Ohio, which is still maintained and of which he still is vice president. The Muncie factory recently was sold. For several years Mr. Smith has been practically retired from the active affairs of life, he and his wife spending much time in travel. He has made three trips to Europe, on one of which he spent a year abroad, and has also been in South America, Mexico, the West Indies and in every state of the Union. Since 1871 Mr. Smith has been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and has been "through the chairs" of the local (Williams) post of that patriotic organization. He is a Scottish Rite (32 degree) and Knight Templar Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. It was on May 30, 1867, that John Henry Smith was united in marriage to Katherine Shaufelberger, who also was born at Freedom, Pa., May 2, 1849, daughter of William and Louise (Endres) Shaufelberger, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter at Pittsburg, Pa. To this union were born five children, Lillian, Bertha, Winifred, Xenia and Huda. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Lillian Smith, who married Loan A. Franklin and who died in 1915, had three children, Roberta, John P. and Houston, the first named of whom married Herbert B. Brown and has three children, Betty, Nancy and Richard. Bertha Smith married John H. Love, now living in New York city, and has two children, Margaret and Robert. Winifred Smith, now deceased, who was the wife of J. Edgar Johnson, had two children, Abbott L. and Catherine, the latter of whom married George Stetter and has one child, a daughter, Winifred. Huda Smith married John Lloyd Kimbrough.

JOHN M. WILLIAMSON, a substantial farmer and landowner of Hamilton township, residing on the Granville pike, rural mail route No. 3 out of Muncie, was born in that township, a member of one of the pioneer families there, and has lived there all his life. Mr. Williamson was born on April 19, 1853, and is a son of James and Hannah (Shafer) Williamson, the latter of whom was born in Ohio in 1830. James Williamson also was a native of Ohio, born at Portsmouth, in Scioto county, in 1828, and was a son of Peter and Rosanna (Shafer) Williamson, the latter of whom was born in the kingdom of Wurtemburg and was but a child when in 1819 she came to this country with her parents, Adam and Sabina Shafer, the family presently becoming residents of Portsmouth. Adam Shafer later became a resident of Hamilton county, Indiana, locating near Noblesville, and his son Adam located in Delaware county, settling in Hamilton township, where he died in 1870 at the great age of ninety-five years. Peter Williamson was born in New Jersey in 1802 and was a son of Joseph Williamson, a native of New Jersey, who became one of the pioneers in the Scioto valley. In 1827 Peter Williamson married Rosanna Shafer and in 1834 he came with his family over into Indiana and settled on a tract of land he had entered from the government in section 25 of Hamilton township, this county, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1870. His widow survived him for twelve years, she being seventy-seven years of age at the time of her death in 1882. They were the parents of eleven children and the Williamson connection of this family in the present generation is thus a considerable one. James Williamson was but six years of age when his parents came to this county in 1834 and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Hamilton township. After his marriage in 1850 his father gave him an uncleared tract of fifty acres and he established his home on that place and started in to make a farm out of it. As his affairs prospered he added to his holdings until he became the owner of 320 acres, which in time he divided among his children. He died in 1914 and his widow died in 1918. Of the children born to them four grew to maturity, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mary Christina, who married William Young, a Muncie merchant, and two brothers, Stephen W. and Lewis M. Williamson, farmers of Hamilton township. Reared on the home farm in Hamilton township, John M. Williamson received his schooling in the Williamson school (district No. 4) and remained at home, helpful in the labors of developing the farm, until his marriage, when his father gave him a "forty," the place on which he is

still living on the Granville pike, and there he established his home and is now the owner of a well improved place of 110 acres. Mr. Williamson is a Democrat and is a past noble grand of Muncie Lodge No. 74, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are members of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is the class leader and a member of the board of trustees and a former superintendent of the Sunday school. Mrs. Williamson has served as president of the Ladies' Aid Society. She was born in Jay county (Elizabeth Thomas) and is a daughter of Samuel and Susanna Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson have five children, Ada Mae, Samuel Edmond, Leo Earl, Ray Martin and James, all of whom are married save the last named, James Williamson, who is now teaching school in Wyoming. Ada Mae Williamson married E. R. Boldrey. Samuel E. Williamson married Clyda Bassett and has two children, George Edmond and John Martin. Leo E. Williamson married Irene Powell and has one child, a son, Gordon Earl, and Ray M. Williamson married Marie Cox.

WILLIAM HENRY HICKMAN, formerly and for years a member of the bar of the Delaware Circuit Court and a real estate dealer in Muncie, who died in 1919 and whose widow continues to make her home at Muncie, residing at 819 East Adams street, was a native Hoosier and had been a resident of this state all his life, a resident of Muncie since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Hickman was born on a farm in the vicinity of the pleasant village of Springport in the neighboring county of Henry, May 3, 1859, and was a son of William and Clarissa (Williams) Hickman, the former of whom was born at Fairmount, W. Va., a son of the Rev. Joshua Hickman, a minister of the Baptist church, who later became a resident of Indiana and in his generation was widely known as a "circuit rider" throughout this section of the state. William H. Hickman was reared on the farm and his local schooling was completed in the Muncie high school, after which he was for some years engaged in teaching school. Meantime he took up the study of law, completing this study in the law office of Judge George H. Koons at Muncie, and in due time was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice of law at Muncie, at the same time engaging in the real estate business and was thus engaged here the remainder of his life, his death occurring on December 13, 1919. On June 6, 1893, William H. Hickman was united in marriage to Lydia A. Davis, of Indianapolis, and to that union were born four children, three daughters, Mary Elizabeth, born on January 26, 1896; Charlotte Davis, October 5, 1899, and Clarissa

Lydia, October 16, 1906, and one son, William Hickman, April 7, 1912. Mary Elizabeth Hickman married Lawrence P. Smith and has two sons, Lawrence Park, Jr., and William Hickman Smith. Mrs. Hickman was born at Mt. Victory, Ohio, October 25, 1871, and is a daughter of Waldo and Elizabeth T. (Geer) Davis, the latter a daughter of George and Mary (Glassford) Geer, of Sidney, Ohio. George Geer was a Virginian, born in the neighborhood of Natural Bridge. The Glassfords are an old Ohio pioneer family, of English stock. Waldo Davis was born at Mansfield, Ohio, a son of Elihu and Lydia Ann (Tucker) Davis, and later became a resident of Muncie. Waldo Davis, who was a captain in the 88th regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the time of the Civil war, became engaged in manufacturing at Muncie and was thus engaged, operating a hub and spoke factory, from 1876 to 1887. He died in 1913. His mother, Lydia Ann (Tucker) Davis, was one of the early school teachers at Mansfield, Ohio.

GUY W. ALEXANDER, agent at Muncie of the National Life Insurance Company of Montpelier, Vt., and a veteran of the World war, was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Randolph on February 24, 1896, and is a son of James C. and Minnie (Waybright) Alexander, both natives of Ohio and the latter of whom is still living. The late James C. Alexander, though born in Ohio, had been a resident of Randolph county, this state, since the days of his boyhood. After his marriage he established himself on a farm in Randolph county and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in December, 1918, he then being fifty-three years of age. To him and his wife were born three children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mrs. Esther McClintock, and a brother, Joseph R. Alexander. Reared on the home farm in Randolph county, Guy W. Alexander remained there until he was nineteen years of age. He was graduated from the Spartansburg high school and supplemented this schooling by two years of attendance at the Indiana State Normal School and a course in the Muncie Business College, in the meantime taking up life insurance as an agent for the Conservative Life Insurance Company of South Bend and was thus engaged for something more than four years, being thus engaged when this country took a hand in the World war. In May, 1918, Mr. Alexander entered the naval service and continued in service until his discharge in February, 1919, the war then being over. During this period of service he had some interesting experiences on the high seas, his service taking him to France, into Mediterranean waters and to various ports of the United States. Upon the completion of his naval service Mr.

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Alexander resumed his connection with the Conservative Life and was thus engaged until in March, 1921, when he established temporary connection with the Western Reserve Life Insurance Company of Muncie, as a general agent of that company, and was thus connected until he entered upon his present connection with the National Life Insurance Company. In 1923 he took a course in agency supervision in the school of life insurance in the Carnegie Institute of Technology. Mr. Alexander is a member of the local post of the American Legion and is a Freemason. In November, 1919, Guy W. Alexander married Lua A. Smith, daughter of J. E. Smith, of Muncie, and to this union two sons have been born, Warren Richard and Donald. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander are members of the Friends Memorial church. They reside at 320 North Calvert street.

DR. C. W. THROOP, head of the firm of C. W. & C. L. Throop, father and son, dental surgeons at Muncie, has been engaged in practice in Muncie for thirty years and is the oldest dentist in point of continuous service in that city. For twenty-seven years he has occupied offices in the Johnson building on Walnut street and is the only one of the original tenants of that building remaining there. He is a life member of the Indiana State Dental Association, with which he has been affiliated for more than a quarter of a century and of the board of control of which he was for years a member, and which for eight years he also served as treasurer. He is one of the charter members of the Muncie Dental Association, which he has served as president, and is also a past president of the Eastern Indiana Dental Association, one of the real veteran dentists of eastern Indiana. Doctor Throop is a native of Michigan, born on a farm in Clinton county, that state, May 25, 1865, and his public schooling was completed in the high school of his neighboring town of Laingsburg. For a short time after leaving school he was engaged as a clerk in a furniture store at Laingsburg and then he became employed in a dental office there. Under the preceptorship of his employer and spurred on by the real interest he took in the profession he acquired a practical knowledge of the rudiments of dental surgery, as then practiced, and presently began practicing on his own account. It was not long, however, until he began to realize the need of more thorough training and he closed his office and entered the Indiana Dental College at Indianapolis, from which he was graduated in 1891. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Throop returned to Laingsburg and resumed his practice, remaining there until in 1894, when he closed out his affairs in Michigan and came to Indiana and located at Muncie, where he ever since has been engaged in practice, a period of thirty years,

twenty-seven of which, as stated above, have been spent in his office in the Johnson building, where of late years he has had associated with him in practice his son, Dr. C. L. Throop, a graduate of the Chicago Dental College and who for eight years before entering into partnership with his father at Muncie was engaged in practice at Gary, Ind. Dr. C. W. Throop's post-graduate work in dental surgery has kept him fully abreast of modern advances in that science, this work being taken at Northwestern University and in clinics at the Mayo hospital at Rochester, Minn. The Doctor is a Knight Templar Mason, a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Muncie Exchange Club, and attends the Methodist Episcopal church. He resides in Suite A of the Throop apartments and his son, Dr. C. L. Throop, resides at 623 Howard street. Both are members of the National Dental Association and of the more local dental associations above referred to.

JAMES R. CLEVENGER, a substantial farmer and landowner of Hamilton township, residing on the Drumm road, rural mail route No. 2 out of Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and has lived in this county all his life, a period of nearly seventy years. He thus has been a witness to the development of this county since the days of the pioneers and has some interesting stories to tell of the changes that have taken place in farming methods since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Clevenger was born on a farm in Monroe township on March 22, 1855, and is a son of Solomon S. and Delilah A. (Tuttle) Clevenger, both of whom were born in Clinton county, Ohio, and who were but youngsters when they came to this county with their respective parents in settlement days. Delilah A. Tuttle was a daughter of the Rev. John and Hannah (Hale) Tuttle, the former of whom was widely known hereabout in pioneer days as a circuit riding preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church. Solomon S. Clevenger was a son of Samuel Clevenger, who opened up a farm in Monroe township. He helped his father develop that farm and not long after his marriage bought a farm of 120 acres in Hamilton township. He eventually became the owner of 160 acres in this latter township and there continued to make his home until his retirement from the farm, when he disposed of his landholdings and moved to Muncie, where he became engaged in the grocery business and where he spent his last days, his death occurring in 1888. Of the fourteen children born to Solomon S. Clevenger and wife nine grew to maturity, and of these three are still living, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Susan

and Sarah. James R. Clevenger was but a small child when his parents moved from Monroe township to Hamilton township and in the schools of this latter township he received his schooling. When he was about twenty-three years of age he bought a "forty" of his father's farm and began farming on his own account and has since been thus engaged, now the owner of a well improved farm of 82 acres. Mr. Clevenger and his wife are Republicans. He has been twice married. His first wife, Emeline Ward, daughter of the Rev. Jacob and Mary (Veal) Ward, of Ohio, whom he married on August 28, 1881, died on May 22, 1885, and on March 21, 1886, he married Emma Isadora Alvey, who also was born in this county, in Delaware township, and is a daughter of Joseph M. and Anna M. (Essam) Alvey, natives of England who had come to this country in their youth and were married here. Joseph M. Alvey was born in Lincolnshire, a son of Vincent and Charlotte (Cullen) Alvey, the latter of whom was a daughter of William and Martha Cullen. Upon coming to this country with his family, Vincent Alvey settled in Richland county, Ohio, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Anna M. Essam was a daughter of John Essam and wife, the latter of whom was a Syndal, of England. She was twice married. Her first husband, William Fox, died in New York and in 1851 she became a resident of Muncie, where she married Mr. Alvey, who had located there in 1850, coming over here from Ohio. Joseph M. Alvey's first operations in this county were carried on as a merchant in Muncie. He later became engaged in farming in Delaware township and it was here that Mrs. Clevenger was born. When she was nine years of age her father died, and she went to Monroe township to live with kinsfolk and when she was thirteen she returned to Muncie where her mother and remainder of the family had moved and here she completed her schooling and later was married. Mr. and Mrs. Clevenger have two children, a son, Arthur W., and a daughter, Alma E., the latter of whom married Marion Russell, son of William H. and Millie (Heffner) Russell, of Shideler, and has four children, Mary E., Wilma J., Ruth Anna and Edna L. Arthur W. Clevenger, a veteran of the World war with an officer's commission and an overseas record, married Yolande Elwood, daughter of Dr. Edwin and Sarah (Mosier) Elwood, of Hancock, Mich., and has a son, Robert Vincent. His first born son, Elwood Austen, died. Arthur W. Clevenger enlisted for army service on April 30, 1917, and at the first officers' training camp at Ft. Benjamin Harrison was commissioned a first lieutenant and was transferred to Camp Taylor and thence to Camp Sherman,

where he was promoted to a captaincy in the 335th infantry regiment of the 84th or Lincoln Division, and presently was sent with his command overseas, where he was in active service for about ten months. He received his final discharge on May 29, 1919. Arthur W. Clevenger was graduated from Earlham College in 1911, received his master degree from Columbia University in 1916 and is now superintendent of the schools of Wakefield, Mich. His sister, Mrs. Russell, completed her schooling at Earlham and was engaged in teaching before her marriage.

ELLSWORTH B. STECK, head of the firm of E. B. Steck & Sons, dealers in coal at Muncie, and a former member of the city council, was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Henry on August 15, 1864, and is a son of Lewis and Anna (Crowe) Steck, the last born of the four children born to that parentage, three sons and one daughter. His mother died when he was fourteen months old. Lewis Steck was a European, born in the Kingdom of Wurtemburg, and about the time he attained his majority came to America, landing at the port of New York, going thence to Cincinnati and then up into Indiana and settling in Wayne county, where he presently married Anna Crowe and became engaged in farming in that county. Later he moved to Henry county and after some years of residence there moved to Grant county, where his last days were spent, his death occurring at the age of seventy-two years. He was twice married. His mother having died when he was but an infant, Ellsworth B. Steck was reared in the household of Caleb and Susan Brown, the latter a sister of his mother, residents of Madison county, and it was thus that he was reared in Madison county, remaining with his uncle and aunt until their death. In 1894 Mr. Steck married Minnie G. Payne, of Madison county, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Johnson) Payne, and continued farming the Brown place in that county until in 1896, when he disposed of his farming interests and moved to Muncie, where he and Henry Brown became engaged in the feed business, to which they presently added coal, and were thus engaged for twelve years, at the end of which time they sold their plant. Mr. Steck, in association with Frank B. Miller, then started in a new place, on South Elm street, in the coal and feed business, under the firm name of Miller & Steck. In 1915 Mr. Miller sold his interest in this concern and the business thereafter was carried on under the firm style of E. B. Steck & Son, Mr. Steck having taken into partnership his elder son, James L. Steck. This business was continued at the old South Elm street stand until in March, 1921, when that plant

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was bought by the City Coal Company and Mr. Steck and his son became located at their present place of business, 1101 West Second street, where they have a well equipped coal yard. On January 1, 1924, Mr. Steck's second son, Herschel Steck, was admitted to the firm which now carries on as E. B. Steck & Sons. Mr. Steck is a Republican and has rendered public service as a member of the city council from his ward. He is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and he and his wife are members of the First Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Steck have two sons, James Lewis and Herschel, both now partners in the business with their father. James Lewis Steck is a veteran of the World war with an overseas record. During the time of this country's participation in the war he served for twenty-eight months in the army, fifteen months of which service was rendered overseas. He was in two major battles and was in the Army of Occupation on the Rhine. Herschel Steck married Lavaughn Mauzy. Mrs. Minnie Gertrude Steck was born in the neighboring county of Madison and is a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Johnson) Payne, the latter of whom was born in that same county, a member of one of the pioneer families there. James Payne, a veteran of the Civil war, was born at London, county seat of Madison county, Ohio, and was living there when the Civil war broke out. He enlisted August 6, 1862, in a cavalry regiment and saw much active service in the army, his command being a part of Sherman's army on its march to the sea. His service covered a period of three years, ten months and fifteen days. During this period of service he was captured by the enemy in the Stoneman raid near Mt. Hope church, July 3, 1864, and was for 271 days kept in the horrible rebel prison pen at Andersonville, Ga. Upon the completion of his military service he came to Indiana and located in Madison county, where he married and settled down to farming. To him and his wife were born three daughters, Mrs. Steck having two sisters, Jennie Mae and Lulu Leota.

DR. BYRL R. KIRKLIN, a practicing physician at Muncie, Roentgenologist for the Muncie Home Hospital and a veteran of the World war with an officer's commission, is a native son of Delaware county, born in the old town of New Corner (Gaston), September 22, 1888, and is a son of John W. and Sarah L. (McCreery) Kirklin, both of whom are still living at Gaston and the latter of whom also was born in this county, in Harrison township, May 23, 1866, daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Brown) McCreery, the latter of whom, born on April 7, 1828, was a daughter of Samuel and Phebe Brown, natives of Clinton county, Ohio, who were among the pioneer settlers

of Delaware county. Thomas McCreery was born in Carroll county, Ohio, October 7, 1826, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Maynard) McCreery, Virginians, who in 1838 left Ohio with their family and came over here into Indiana and settled in Harrison township, this county. Samuel McCreery, who was born in Virginia on July 9, 1801, died in this county on November 23, 1893, he then being in his ninety-third year. His wife had predeceased him some years, her death having occurred on February 2, 1889. Thomas McCreery was about twelve years of age when he came to this county with his parents back in the '30s of the past century and he grew up here amid pioneer conditions. On October 25, 1849, he married Catherine Brown and established his home on a part of the old homestead place, where he came to be the owner of more than 400 acres of land besides business property at New Corner, and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, her death occurring on April 15, 1886, and his, March 16, 1906. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Kirklin was the seventh in order of birth. John W. Kirklin was born in the neighboring county of Henry on June 25, 1859, a son of John R. and Louisa (Bruer) Kirklin, the latter of whom, born in 1829, died in 1861. She was the mother of six children. John R. Kirklin married secondly, Mrs. Elizabeth (Holler) Richardson and by this second union also had six children. John R. Kirklin was a North Carolinian by birth. He early became a resident of Henry county, where he was a farmer and cooper, and in 1887 came up into Delaware county, making his home in Perry township, where he lived to be well past eighty years of age. John W. Kirklin grew up to farming and after his marriage on September 29, 1887, established his home at New Corner (Gaston), where he became engaged in the mercantile business. He presently bought a tract of land in that neighborhood, in Washington township, and in time developed a good farm of about 250 acres. In 1892 he formed a partnership in an undertaking firm at Gaston and for some years continued that connection. He still keeps up his farming interests, making his home at Gaston. To him and his wife were born five children, of whom Doctor Kirklin is the first born, the others being Floyd R., born on June 2, 1891; Twily T., December 23, 1893; Wayne L., August 9, 1896, and Oren L., April 29, 1903. Doctor Kirklin grew up at Gaston and upon completing the high school course there entered the Muncie high school, from which he was graduated in 1906. He then for two years was engaged in teaching school in the district schools of Washington township and then entered Indiana

University. After two years taking the literary course in that institution he entered the university medical school at Indianapolis and after four years of study there was graduated in 1914. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Kirklin was appointed an intern in the Deaconess Hospital at Indianapolis and after a year of intensive practical experience there returned to Muncie and became associated here in practice with Dr. G. R. Andrews in hospital service. Two years later he opened an office of his own in the Western Reserve Life building and was thus engaged in practice when this country took a hand in the World war in the spring of 1917. Doctor Kirklin at once offered his services in behalf of the Medical Corps of the army and in May of that year was accepted and given a commission as a first lieutenant. In the following September he was assigned to the Cook County Hospital at Chicago and shortly afterward was sent to Ft. Riley (Kansas), where he was made Roentgenologist for the surgical section of the base hospital at that place and instructor in the X-ray school of the Medical Officers' Training Camp. A year later he was assigned to Ft. Bayard (New Mexico) as chief Roentgenologist there, and was thus serving when the war came to an end. In December, 1918, he received his discharge and is now attached to the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps with the rank of major. Ever since leaving college Doctor Kirklin has given his special attention to X-ray diagnosis and treatment and in addition to his private practice along that line is serving as Roentgenologist for the Muncie Home Hospital and for the Jay County Hospital at Portland. Upon his return to Muncie following the completion of his military service he secured a medical portion of radium and has since been using this in his practice, the only physician in the county thus equipped. The Doctor also is consulting Roentgenologist for the Blackford County Hospital at Hartford City. He is a member of the American, the Indiana state and the Delaware-Blackford (county) medical societies and a member of the Muncie Academy of Medicine, of which for two years he was president. The Doctor also is a member of the Association of Military Surgeons, of the Radiological Society of North America and of the American Roentgen Ray Society. He is a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and an Elk and is affiliated with the influential Exchange Club of Muncie, of which he is a past president. On June 3, 1915, Dr. Byrl R. Kirklin was united in marriage to Glayde Webster, daughter of Benjamin F. and Etta Webster of Elgin, Ill., and to this union two children have been born, a son, John Webster Kirklin, born in 1917, and a daughter, Mary Webster Kirklin, 1921. Doctor and

Mrs. Kirklin are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. They reside at 1423 East Main street.

DR. FRANK S. MARTIN, a dental surgeon of twenty-five years standing in Muncie, has been a resident of that city since the days of his boyhood. Doctor Martin was born on a farm in Dewitt county, Illinois, January 10, 1873, and is a son of H. C. and Emily F. Martin, both of whom were born in Indiana. The late H. C. Martin, whose last days were spent in Muncie, moved to Illinois after his marriage and established his home on a farm in Dewitt county, that state. About 1875, when Kansas lands were beginning to attract the attention of so many farmers from the older settled communities, he disposed of his holdings in Dewitt county and moved with his family to Kansas to start in farming on new lands. Between the devastations of grasshoppers and drouths he soon lost all he had put into his new farm plant and he returned to Illinois, settling in Douglass county, and presently established his home on a farm near Tuscola. There he remained until in 1886, when he disposed of his Illinois holdings and returned to Indiana, buying the old Jacob Calvert farm west of the river, just out of Muncie, in this county, and was thus in possession there when in the fall of that same year natural gas was revealed in the county. One of the strongest of the early wells drilled in this county was the one that was "brought in" on his farm. When the normal school project was started in the middle '90s his farm was right in the line of that development and he platted a portion of his acreage and sold the same in the form of city lots, his farm land thus comprising a part of the present Normal City, so that his move back into Indiana became a much more profitable one than his early move into Kansas. H. C. Martin and wife were the parents of ten children, five of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Rose, wife of W. H. Tobin, of Indianapolis, and three brothers, Joseph V. Martin, of Oklahoma City; Charles W. Martin, of Dayton, Ohio and Dr. Albert O. Martin, also of Dayton. Frank S. Martin was thirteen years of age when he came with his parents to Muncie in 1886 and he grew to manhood here. Upon leaving the high school he took a course in the local business college and then became employed as a bookkeeper, later taking a clerkship in the Bliss-Keller clothing store. Not long afterward, however, he became attracted to the profession of dentistry and entered the Indiana Dental College at Indianapolis, from which he was graduated in 1898. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Martin returned to Muncie and opened an office in the Little block, where he remained for four years.

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In the meantime his younger brother Albert also had become a dentist and when the Jones building was erected the brothers effected a partnership arrangement and opened offices in that building, where Dr. Frank S. Martin ever since has been located. The partnership between the brothers was dissolved in 1907 when Dr. Albert O. Martin moved to Richmond, from which place he presently moved to Dayton, where he now is located. It thus is apparent that Dr. Frank S. Martin is one of the veterans in the practice of dental surgery in Muncie, his service in that field there having covered a period of something more than a quarter of a century. The Doctor is a member of the national, state and district dental associations and of the Muncie Dental Society. He was one of the organizers of this latter society and was its first secretary-treasurer, an office he held for four years. He also has rendered service as a member of the executive committee of the Indiana State Dental Association. He is a Republican, is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. In 1904 Dr. Frank S. Martin was united in marriage to Pattie G. Letton, of Paris, Ky., daughter of Brice and Elizabeth Letton, and to this union two children have been born, Sarah Elizabeth and Selby Clay, both of whom are in school. The Martins reside at 407 South Franklin street.

LAFAYETTE L. FULLHART, nurseryman and landscape gardener at Muncie and proprietor of a business in that line that has been carried on in the Fullhart family in this county for four generations, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here and has resided here all his life, engaged in nursery work since the days of his boyhood, as has been his father, who is still living. Mr. Fullhart was born on a farm five miles southeast of Muncie, in Liberty township, August 6, 1888, and is a son of Charles Fullhart, who was born in that same township and whose father also was engaged in the nursery business, which he had taken over from his father, who was one of the real pioneer nurserymen in eastern Indiana. Charles Fullhart was for many years actively engaged in the nursery business here, or until in 1918, when he sold his place to his son Lafayette and retired from active direction of the business, though he still is associated with the work of the old established business, nurseryman, landscape gardener and horticulturist. Lafayette L. Fullhart grew up on the home farm in Liberty township, received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and took a part in his father's nursery business until he attained his majority when, in 1909, he became engaged in farming

and in the raising of small fruit on his own account on the Willard Fullhart farm on the Burlington pike. Some time later he moved to the Anderson farm on the South Walnut Street pike and was there engaged in the same line, to which he added stock raising, until in 1918, when he bought his father's old established nursery plant out on the extension of Ohio street, rural mail route No. 5 out of Muncie, and has since been carrying on this business, practical nurseryman, landscape gardener and horticulturist, and is doing well at it. Politically, Mr. Fullhart is a Republican. For some years (1907-10) he served as a member of the Indiana National Guard, attached to Company G, the old local company of Guards at Muncie. In 1912 Lafayette L. Fullhart was united in marriage to Helen Lucille Jefferson, daughter of John W. Jefferson, of Cowan, this county, and to this union three children have been born, Evelyn Marcelle, Lowell Jefferson and John Charles Fullhart.

JOHN A. SNIDER, a substantial farmer and landowner of Hamilton township, now living retired at Royerton, was born in Union township, this county, January 7, 1850, and is a son of Alexander and Nancy (Sherry) Snider, the latter of whom was born in Rush county, Indiana, in 1828, a daughter of Solomon and Rachel (Breezley) Sherry, who had settled in that county upon coming over into Indiana from Ohio. Alexander Snider was born in Miami county, Ohio, in 1826, and was eight years of age when in 1834 he came with his parents, Joseph and Catherine (Studebaker) Snider, to Delaware county, the family settling along the Mississinewa river in Union township. There were twelve children in the Joseph Snider family. On that pioneer farm Alexander Snider grew to manhood. He was married in 1849 and two or three years later established his home on an "eighty" he had bought in Hamilton township. As he developed that place he gradually added to his holdings until he became the owner of a farm of 380 acres. To him and his wife were born two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Rachel, wife of Jacob Rarick, of Union township. John A. Snider was but an infant when his parents moved from Union township to Hamilton township and on the home farm in this latter township he grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the local schools. After his marriage he rented a part of his father's farm and continued farming as a renter for five years, at the end of which time he bought a tract of forty acres and there continued farming until his retirement and removal to Royerton, where he is now living. During his years of active farming Mr. Snider extended his land holdings until now he is the owner

of 300 acres of land in this county and in the adjoining county of Randolph. He is a Republican and is a member of the Christian church. John A. Snider married Elizabeth Johnsonbaugh, a daughter of George Johnsonbaugh, proprietor of the first sawmill established at Royerton. Mrs. Snider died on April 1, 1911. To that union were born six children, George, Harrison, Alexander, Walter, Glenn and Rosa, all of whom are married save the last named. George Snider married Bertha Moore and has two children, Mildred and Margaret. Harrison Snider married Lavina Grundy and has two children, Virgil Glen and Stella Irene. Alexander Snider married Olive Grundy and has two children, Clifford and Elmina Elizabeth. Walter Snider married Luella Apple and has two children, Thelma Belle and Robert Earl, and Glenn Snider married Maude Treece and has two children, Nina Elizabeth and Ruth Naomi. Virgil Glen Snider married Lula Moody and has one child, a son, Victor Virgil.

ALONZO B. PUCKETT, a substantial farmer and landowner of Hamilton township, residing on the Studebaker pike, rural mail route No. 3 out of Muncie, was born in the neighboring county of Randolph on June 22, 1878, and is a son of Zachary Taylor and Mary Elizabeth (Starbuck) Puckett, both members of pioneer families in this part of Indiana, both the Pucketts and the Starbucks having been here since settlement days. Zachary Taylor Puckett, a well-to-do farmer still living in Randolph county, is a son of Nathaniel Puckett, who was a son of one of the pioneers of that county. Reared on the home farm in Randolph county, Alonzo B. Puckett received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and remained with his father on the farm until after his marriage at the age of twenty-one, when he began farming on his own account on a rented farm, giving special attention to the feeding of cattle. In 1910 Mr. Puckett came over into Delaware county and rented the Mansfield farm in Hamilton township. For ten years he made his home there, making a specialty of the raising of live stock, and then, in 1920, he bought the Joseph Pittenger farm of 103 acres in that same township and has since resided there, carrying on general farming operations and raising live stock, and has a well improved and well cultivated place. Mr. Puckett is an Odd Fellow and has attained to the encampment degree. He and his wife are members of the Christian church and are Republicans. It was on February 20, 1899, that Alonzo B. Puckett was united in marriage to Suda V. Wall, who also was born in Randolph county, daughter of Edwin L. and Delila Jane (Oren) Wall, and to this union three children have been born, a son, Donald Earl,

and two daughters, Ada Mae and Nora Alice. Donald Earl Puckett married Thelma VanMatre, of Muncie, and is living in Hamilton township.

HENRY C. KUHNER, president of the Kuhner Packing Company of Muncie and vice president of the Farmers National Stock Yards Company, also of Muncie, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Indiana since the days of his boyhood and of Muncie for nearly twenty-five years. Mr. Kuhner was born on a farm in Scioto county, Ohio, October 16, 1880, and is a son of Gotlip and Mary Sophia Kuhner, both of whom also were born in that state and who for years have been residents of Muncie, having come here from Greentown, Ind., at which place they were located for some time after coming over into Indiana from Ohio. Gotlip Kuhner, who is the vice president of the Kuhner Packing Company, was a practical butcher long before he came to Indiana and he has been identified with the affairs of the Kuhner Packing Company ever since that establishment was organized. Henry C. Kuhner received his schooling in the neighborhood school near his boyhood home in Scioto county and when sixteen years of age left the home of an uncle with whom he had been living in that county and rejoined his parents, who meanwhile had located at Greentown, Ind., and became associated with his father in the retail meat business at this latter place, his chief job after assisting with the butchering being to drive the meat wagon about over the country in that trade area. When he was twenty years of age he came to Muncie and bought a small butcher shop at the corner of Main and Beacon streets and there became engaged in business on his own account. Not long afterward he sold that stand to advantage and then went to Alexandria, Ind., where he and his father and his brother, Frank G. Kuhner, bought a meat market, which they presently sold and then the family moved to Muncie and became established in the business which has developed into the present Kuhner Packing Company. About two years after starting up at Muncie the Kuhners expanded their retail capacity by establishing five meat market groceries at Muncie and one at Parker, over in Randolph county, operating under the firm style of Kuhner & Company. Some years later they closed out the retail business and turned their whole attention to the development of the rapidly expanding packing business which they meanwhile had been building up, having found a growing demand for their meat products throughout this trade area. That was in 1904. Their first enlarged slaughter house and cold storage plant limited their operations to the killing

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of no more than twenty-five hogs and ten or fifteen cattle a week. As their market grew they gradually extended their facilities until now the plant at North Elm and Thirteenth streets has a capacity of no fewer than 1,000 hogs and 100 cattle a week, with a 45-ton ice manufacturing plant and 75-ton refrigerating capacity, with other up-to-date facilities corresponding; including a sixty-acre land tract for stock yards, and is the only cold-storage plant in Delaware county. As noted above, Henry C. Kuhner is president of the Kuhner Packing Company and Gotlip Kuhner is vice president. Mrs. Ella S. Klefeker, daughter of the latter, is secretary and treasurer and Frank G. Kuhner is the assistant secretary-treasurer. Henry C. Kuhner also organized the Muncie Cold Storage and Ice Company and was one of the organizers of the Farmers National Stock Yards Company, of Muncie, of which he is the vice president. He is a 32° Mason, a Knight of Pythias, an Elk, a Moose and a member of the Travelers Protective Association. Henry C. Kuhner married Grace Goodwine, daughter of Louis F. Goodwine, and has two children, Mary Ellen and Robert Henry. In his political views he is an independent Republican.

EDWARD E. AND CHARLES C. ZUBER, brothers, doing business in the taxi-cab line at Muncie under the firm name of the Yellow Cab Company, are native sons of Muncie, the former born on September 30, 1879, and the latter, October 26, 1881, and have lived here all their lives. The Zuber brothers are sons of George and Fredericka (Heeb) Zuber, both natives of Germany, who became residents of Muncie more than forty years ago. The late George Zuber came to this country from Berlin when he was sixteen years of age and became a tailor in New York city. In Brooklyn he married Fredericka Heeb and not long afterward located at Louisville, Ky., later coming to Muncie, where he became established in the tailoring business and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on September 30, 1918, he then being seventy-four years of age. His wife had predeceased him about six months, her death having occurred in March of that same year. She was eighteen years of age when she came to this country with her parents, the family locating in Brooklyn, N. Y., where she was married. Edward E. and Charles C. Zuber grew up at Muncie, received their schooling here and both early turned to the mechanical industries, presently becoming members of the firm of Jones & Zuber, in the bicycle business, with an establishment at 324-26 East Main street. In 1915 the two brothers took over the local agency for the sale of the Chandler, Nash and Oldsmobile automobiles, this agency doing business

under the firm name of Boyce & Zuber, and were thus engaged for five years or more, or until on December 1, 1921, when they established their present taxi-cab line and have since been engaged in operating the yellow cab service here, with their offices and plant at 505 South Mulberry street. They began business with four yellow cabs, and within eighteen months their business had so expanded that they were operating nine cabs for local service and three touring cars for country service. During this time they have taken care of 98 per cent of the patients leaving the Home Hospital, besides 90 per cent of the accident calls coming from Muncie factories, with no fewer than sixteen doctors using their cabs for night calls, while during the winters in disagreeable weather it is not unusual for the yellow cabs to carry as many as 150 pupils a day. This company carries public liability and accident insurance in established insurance companies covering all passengers, handles the transfer business of the leading hotels and operates baggage trucks from the railway stations. Both of the Zuber brothers are members of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Charles C. Zuber on June 17, 1916, was united in marriage to Bernice L. Meranda, daughter of Charles C. and Eva Meranda, of Portland, Ind., and resides at 110½ North Elm street. He and his wife are members of the Jackson Street Christian church.

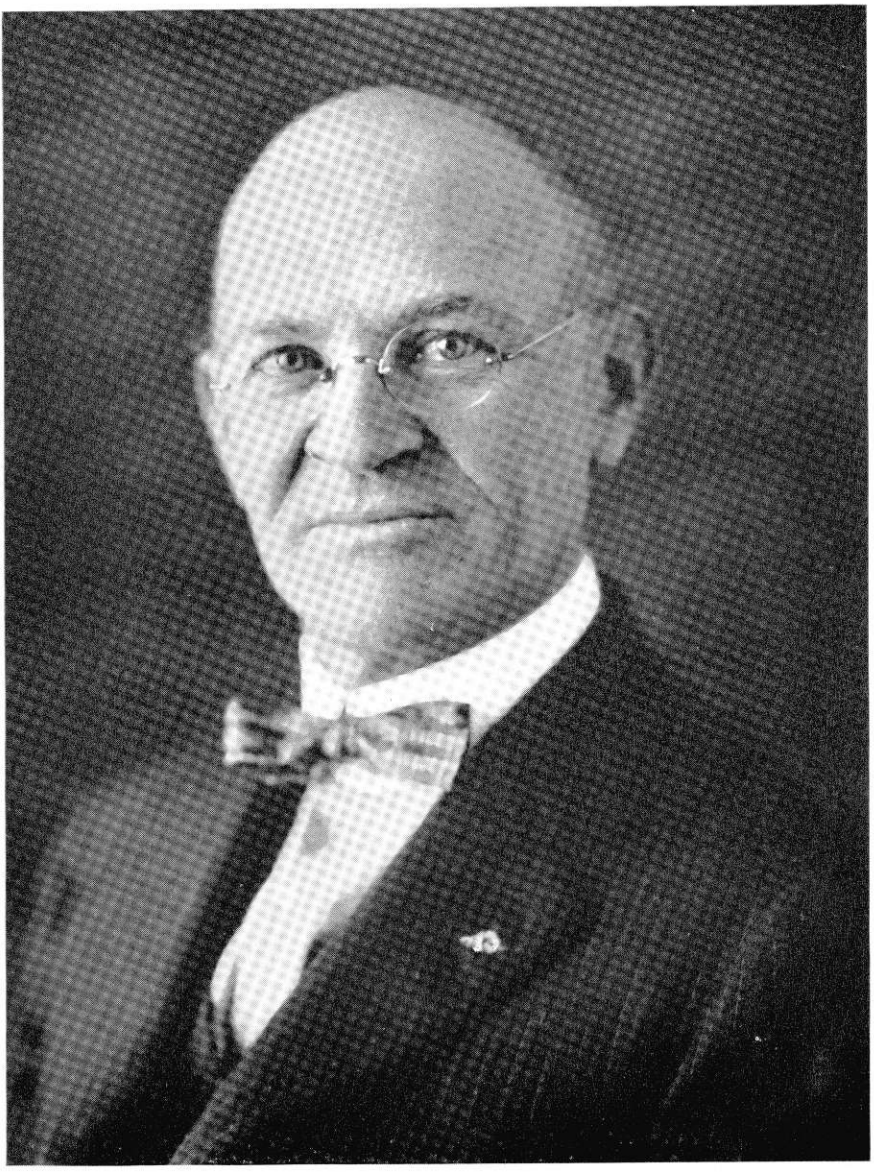
LEWIS C. CHILDS, a substantial farmer and landowner of Harrison township, residing on rural mail route No. 1 out of Yorktown, is a Tennessean by birth, but has been a resident of Indiana since the days of his childhood. Mr. Childs was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of the city of Knoxville, in Knox county, Tennessee, January 16, 1863, and is a son of Henry and Melvina A. (Foust) Childs, both of whom also were born in Tennessee, members of pioneer families in that state. Henry Childs grew up in Tennessee and after his marriage remained there for some years, at the end of which time, in the late '60s, he came up into Indiana and bought a quarter of a section of timber land in Madison county, put up a log cabin on the place, established his home there and proceeded to clear and make a farm out of the place, but a few years later died there. His widow later moved with her family over into Delaware county and located on a small farm north of Muncie, but after awhile moved back into Madison county. Of the nine children born to Henry Childs and wife five grew to maturity and of these latter all are living save two sons, William Z. and Henry M. Childs, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Bertha, and a brother, John

L. Childs. Having been but a boy when his parents moved from Tennessee to Indiana, Lewis C. Childs grew to manhood in Madison county and practically all his life has been spent in farming. He married at the age of twenty-two and a few years later bought a "forty" in Madison county, where he lived for a few years, at the end of which time he sold that place and bought a farm of seventy-five acres in the vicinity of Anderson. Later he traded that place for a tract of 129 acres. Afterward he bought the Stephen Broadbent woolen mill and thirty-three acres of ground on Kilbuck creek near Anderson. Not finding the operation of the woolen mill to his liking he presently moved back to his farm of 129 acres, having disposed of his mill, and there made his home until in 1906, when he moved over into Delaware county and bought a tract of sixty-four acres in Harrison township, a part of the place on which he is now living, and ever since has resided here. Since taking over this place Mr. Childs has bought two additional tracts there, one of fifty-one acres and the other of sixteen acres, and this with his other farm of 129 acres gives him land holdings of 250 acres, which he has well improved. It was on February 25, 1885, that Lewis C. Childs was united in marriage to Ellen Willmuth Pence, who was born in Madison county, a daughter of George Washington and Vesta J. (Mahoney) Pence, old residents of that county, and to this union were born five children, Cora M. V., Charles H. (deceased), Celia May Frances (deceased), Gopha Marie and Fern Willmuth. Mr. and Mrs. Childs are members of the Church of the Brethren. Two of their daughters are married. Cora M. V. Childs married Jesse A. Duncan, of Madison county, and has four children, Marie, Paul, Marshall and John Lewis. Another child of this union, a daughter, Margaret, is deceased. Gopha Marie Childs married Henry C. Parkison, also of Madison county, and has one child, a daughter, Louise.

HENRY FLOREY, a landowner of Hamilton township, residing on the Royerton road, rural mail route No. 3 out of Muncie, was born on a farm in Fountain county, Indiana, August 20, 1880, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Malott) Florey, the latter of whom was born in Randolph county, this state. Joseph Florey was born in Fountain county, and all his life was devoted to farming. He and his wife had two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Dora. Reared on the home farm in Fountain county, Henry Florey received his schooling in the local schools and early became engaged in farming, continuing to make his home in Fountain county until his removal to Blackford county, where he bought a farm of

280 acres and where he made his home until in 1911, when he disposed of his interests there and moved to Delaware county and bought the place on which he is now living in the Royerton neighborhood and has since made his home here. Mr. Florey is the owner of 180 acres in that neighborhood, divided into two farms. The place on which he makes his home and to which he is giving his personal attention has seventy acres in it. He and his wife are Republicans and are members of the Christian church. Mrs. Florey (Rosa Dickerson) was born in Wells county, Indiana, and is the daughter of John and Minnie (Turner) Dickerson, both natives of Indiana, the latter born in Randolph county. John Dickerson was born in Wells county and became a farmer in that county. Mr. and Mrs. Florey have one child, a daughter, Helen, who married Harold Addington, a son of Charles L. Addington, also of Hamilton township.

ROBERT DENVER BARNES, a city councilman and secretary and treasurer of the Kirby-Wood Lumber Company, the oldest continuing establishment of its kind in Muncie, was born at Denver, Colo., August 29, 1873, and is a son of James P. and Julia E. (Hart) Barnes, the latter of whom was born in Wisconsin, who are now living at Colorado Springs, where they have resided for the past fifty years. James P. Barnes was born in New York and as a young man went to Wisconsin, where he presently married and was for some time engaged in that state in the hardware business. He then moved to Colorado Springs, where he became engaged in the hardware business and where he since has resided. Reared at Colorado Springs, Robert D. Barnes supplemented the schooling received there by a course in Colorado College. From the days of his youth he was actively interested with his father in the hardware business and thus grew up thoroughly familiar with business forms and continued with his father for several years after his marriage, or until in 1906, when he came to Muncie and entered the office of the Kirby Lumber Company, with which his father-in-law, the late Thomas H. Kirby, then was connected, and after the death of Mr. Kirby in 1911 took over the latter's interest in the concern and has ever since been thus connected, secretary and treasurer of the company. The Kirby-Wood Lumber Company had its inception back in the spring of 1899 when the Kirby brothers, Thomas H. and John M., sons of Thomas Kirby, one of Muncie's pioneer business men, started in the lumber business in Muncie, operating under the firm name of the Kirby Lumber Company. In 1902 Julius E. Wood bought into the firm and the name of the same was changed to the Kirby-Wood



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Lumber Company, the Wood interest bringing into the business a going saw mill property which was kept in operation for about ten years thereafter, supplementing the finishing mill with which the plant had been equipped from the beginning and which still is an essential unit of the present equipment of the company's yards, which are located at Hoyt and Liberty streets. Thomas H. Kirby died in 1911, when his interest was taken over by his son-in-law, Mr. Barnes. John M. Kirby died a few years later and Julius E. Wood died in 1918 and the latter's interest was kept in the family, the present personnel of the company being Charles A. Wood, president; Clara S. Wood, vice president, and Mr. Barnes, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Barnes is a Republican and is now rendering public service as a member of the city council. He is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the local Rotary Club, and is a Scottish Rite (32°) and York Rite (Knights Templar) Mason and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Barnes is the present commander of the local commandery of the Knights Templar, a former generalissimo, and for ten years was recorder of the commandery. He and his wife are members of the Episcopal church. It was in 1900 that Robert D. Barnes was united in marriage to Edith Kirby, daughter of Thomas H. Kirby, of Muncie, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Robert D., Jr. Mrs. Barnes's paternal grandfather, Thomas Kirby, was one of the real pioneers of old Muncietown, as is set out elsewhere in this work, a man active in business and development work here from the time of his arrival as a young merchant in 1830 to the time of his death in the summer of 1879. Successful in his initial mercantile enterprise, he became a large landowner and dealer in cattle. As the town expanded, he laid out additions to the city and thus perhaps was the real leader in town development enterprises up to and during the '70s. His public spirit found expression in the erection of the Kirby House in 1871. This hotel, with modern improvements, has retained its old-time popularity all through the years since then and continues a substantial monument to the memory of its builder. Thomas Kirby was buried in Beech Grove cemetery and his pallbearers were Minus Turner, Warren Stewart, Martin Galliher, John Brady, Thomas S. Neely, Daniel Pittinger, Robert Meeks, Joseph Stradling, Joseph S. Buckles, J. Henry Wysor, Walter March, Marcus C. Smith, Arthur F. Patterson and Lloyd Wilcoxon, a list which reads like a roll call of the leading survivors of the pioneers of the town at that period.

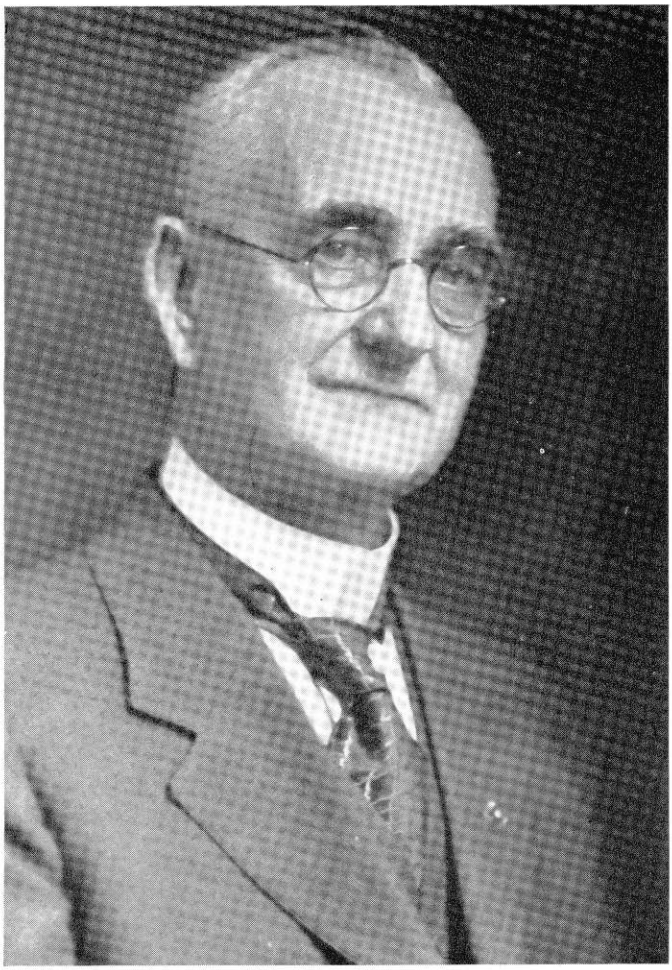
CYRUS RICHARDS, a substantial farmer and landowner of Harrison township, residing on rural mail route No. 3 out of Gaston, was born on a farm in Champaign county, Illinois, November 13, 1871, and is a son of Cyrus and Susan (Hay) Richards, the latter of whom was born in Ohio and was but a child when she moved with her parents to Illinois, the family locating in Champaign county. The senior Cyrus Richards, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Champaign county, his parents having been among the pioneers of that part of Illinois, and he grew up there. During the time of the Civil war he served as a soldier of the Union and after his marriage became a farmer in that county, the owner of a farm of ninety-six acres. To him and his wife were born eight children, seven sons and a daughter, all of whom are still living save the daughter, Amanda, and one of the sons, George Richards, the subject of this sketch having five brothers, John H., Thomas W., William G., Zephaniah D. and Henry Richards. The junior Cyrus Richards was reared on the home farm in Champaign county, Illinois, and his schooling was received in the local schools of that neighborhood. He married at the age of twenty-three and then began farming on his own account, after awhile moving over into Indiana and making his home on a farm in Carroll county, where he and his family lived for years. In 1916 Mrs. Richards bought the farm of 100 acres on which the family now resides in Harrison township, this county, and the family home has since been here. Mr. Richards is engaged in general farming on this place and has a well improved farm, he having made numerous improvements on the place since coming into possession. It was on April 10, 1895, that Cyrus Richards was united in marriage to Nellie E. Leib, also of Champaign county, Illinois, and to this union have been born ten children, five sons and five daughters, all of whom are living save one daughter, Nellie V., the others being Bonnie L., Jennie G., Cyrus Joseph, Ethan Allen, Cecil Arthur, Winnie E., Robert R., Charley D. and Clarice A., four of whom are married. Bonnie L. Richards married Arthur Gochenour and has one child, a son, Richard. Jennie G. Richards married Joseph Silverthorn and has a son, Leslie. Cyrus Joseph Richards married June Cox and has two children, Maurice and John, and Cecil Arthur Richards married Reba Vannatta and has three children, Gene, Erret and Dorothy. Ethan Allen Richards is a veteran of the World war, having rendered service in the 142d Aerial Squadron. His initial service was rendered at Kelly Field (Texas) and was extended to other flying fields, he having been at Wright Field (Day-

ton, Ohio) when mustered out at the close of the war. Mrs. Nellie E. Richards was born in Champaign county, Illinois, and is a daughter of Joseph and Martha (Barbee) Leib, both natives of Ohio and the former of whom was a veteran of the Civil war, having served as a member of the 1st Ohio Veteran Volunteer Cavalry. Mrs. Richards is a great-great-granddaughter of Ethan Allen, a distinguished officer of the colonial army during the War of the Revolution, leader of the famous "Green Mountain Boys" and the hero of Ticonderoga and Crown Point.

RALPH B. HALL, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps as well as a veteran of the World war, now engaged in the barber business at Gaston, was born on a farm in the vicinity of Winchester, in the neighboring county of Randolph, October 20, 1885, and is a son of Amos and Ruth Ann (Benson) Hall, the latter of whom was born in that same county, a member of one of the pioneer families of eastern Indiana. The late Amos Hall, a veteran of the Civil war and formerly and for twenty-seven years superintendent of the Randolph county infirmary, was born in Clinton county, Ohio, and was but a child when in 1844 his parents came with their family to Indiana and settled in Randolph county. When the Civil war came on he enlisted for service in the Union army and thus served through the war as a member of Company H of the 84th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He became a substantial farmer of Randolph county and was the owner of a farm of 204 acres. Reared on the home farm in the Winchester neighborhood, Ralph B. Hall received his schooling in the Winchester schools and on February 13, 1902, he then being but sixteen years of age, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and in that same year was assigned to duty as a member of the United States Legation guards in the city of Pekin, China, where he was on station for two years, at the end of which time with his command he was transferred to the Philippine Islands and thence to Japan and thus continued in service until the end of his period of enlistment, receiving his discharge on March 28, 1906. Upon the completion of his service in the Marine Corps Mr. Hall returned to Indiana and became engaged as a locomotive fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad, running out of Indianapolis, and in the fall of the next year was married. He continued in railway service until in 1910, when he opened a barber shop at Gaston, where he since has made his home. When this country took a hand in the World war in the spring of 1917 Mr. Hall arranged his affairs so that he could get back into army service and on June 28,

1917, he enlisted and was assigned to the headquarters company of the 37th Coast Artillery, with which command he continued in service until his discharge on March 8, 1919, the war then being over. Upon his return home Mr. Hall resumed charge of his barber shop at Gaston and has since been thus engaged. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and of the American Legion and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In his political views he is a Republican. It was on October 19, 1907, at Gaston, that Ralph B. Hall was united in marriage to Fern Barnhart, of that place, and to this union two children have been born, Jean E., who died in August, 1915, and Rose Charline, born on February 26, 1910. Mrs. Hall was born in the village of Castine, in Darke county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Charles W. and Iva Barnhart, who moved to Gaston in 1900 and have since been engaged in the grocery and bakery business there.

DR. GEORGE W. BUCKLIN, one of the veteran physicians of eastern Indiana and for more than thirty years a practitioner at Muncie, is a native Hoosier and has been a resident of this state all his life. Doctor Bucklin was born at Princeton, the county seat of Gibson county, May 14, 1850, and is a son of Horace and Elmira (Moxam) Bucklin, both members of pioneer families in that county, the Bucklins, a Rhode Island family, having settled there in 1830 and the Moxams, a New York family, having settled there when Elmira Moxam, daughter of Sylvester Moxam, of Elmira, N. Y., was but two years of age. Horace Bucklin was born in Pawtucket, R. I., and was but a child when his parents came out into Indiana and settled in Gibson county. After his marriage he established his home in Princeton and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1895, he then being eighty-four years of age. His widow's last days were spent in Muncie, her death occurring here in 1906, she then being eighty-nine years of age. Four of their children, two sons and two daughters, survived them. Doctor Bucklin's elder brother, Theodore Bucklin, served as a soldier of the Union during the time of the Civil war. Reared at Princeton, Doctor Bucklin received his early schooling in the schools of that city and was for four years engaged during the winters in teaching school in his home county. Meanwhile, under the preceptorship of Doctor Munford, of Princeton, he was taking preparatory studies in medicine and then went East to continue his studies. After a course at Princeton University and at the University of New York he entered Belle-



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vue Medical College (New York) and in 1879 was graduated from that institution. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Bucklin returned to Indiana and became engaged in practice at New Harmony. In that picturesque and historic community he continued in practice for thirteen years, or until in 1892, when he moved to Muncie, established himself in practice here and has ever since been thus engaged, with present offices and residence at 525 East Main street. For many years the Doctor has been active in the deliberations of the local and state medical societies. He is a Scottish Rite, Royal Arch and Knights Templar Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and he and his wife are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. It was in 1879, the year in which he became engaged in practice at New Harmony, that Dr. George W. Bucklin was united in marriage to Emma Wright, who was born in Warrick county, Indiana, daughter of Amos and Eleanor (Iglehart) Wright. Doctor and Mrs. Bucklin ever have been active in church work and for years the Doctor served the congregation of the High Street church as a member of the board of trustees. He is affiliated with the American Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Association, the Eighth District (Indiana) Medical Association, the Delaware County Medical Society and the Muncie Academy of Medicine.

DAVID M. ST. JOHN, president of the Albany State Bank at Albany and a retired farmer and landowner of that neighborhood who for some years past has been making his home in Albany, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Indiana and of the Albany neighborhood for nearly seventy years. Mr. St. John was born in Greene county, Ohio, November 15, 1848, and is a son of Cyrus Bone and Dorothy (Hickman) St. John, the latter of whom was born in that same county, a member of one of the pioneer families there. Cyrus Bone St. John was born in the vicinity of Lebanon, in Warren county, Ohio, and was a son of Daniel W. and Eliza (Bone) St. John, both of whom were born in that same vicinity, their respective parents having been among the early settlers of that section of Ohio. The St. John family in America has its origin through John and Noah St. John, brothers of French birth and parentage, who came to the American colonies about the middle of the eighteenth century and located in Dutchess county, New York, where John St. John married Anna Lockwood and was living when the colonists declared their independence. He joined the patriot forces and served as a soldier of the Revolution. In the last decade of the eighteenth century

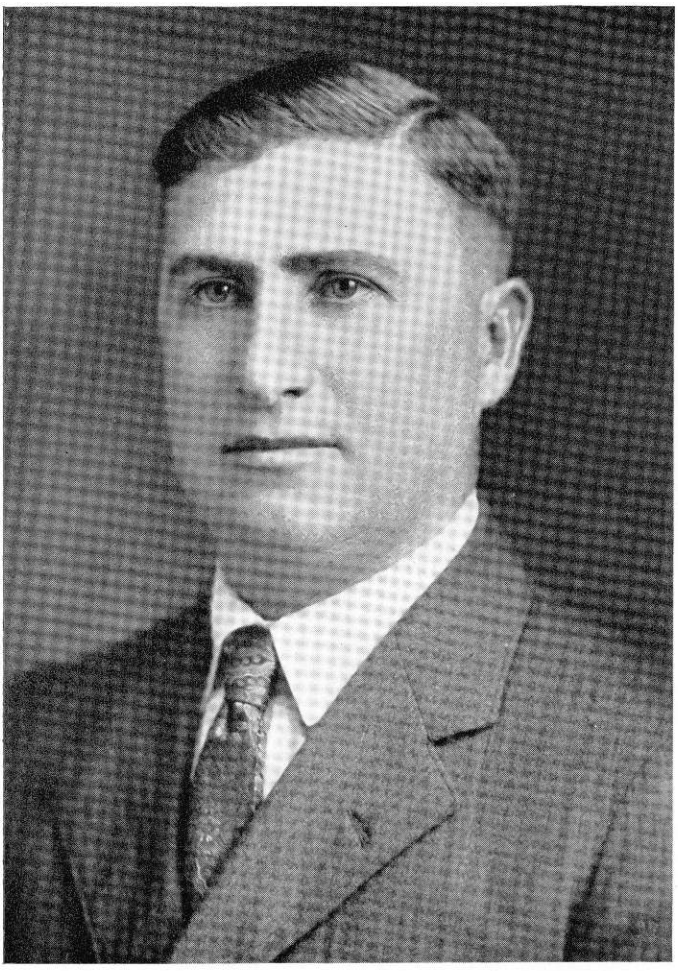
he emigrated with his family to the then Territory Northwest of the Ohio and located in the neighborhood of Ft. Washington (Cincinnati), in Hamilton county, where he remained until in 1803, the year in which Ohio was admitted to statehood, when he settled on a tract of land in the vicinity of old Ft. Ancient, east of the present city of Lebanon, where he spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, the fourth in order of birth being John St. John, who was born on November 28, 1778, and who married Rhoda Wood. John St. John established his home in Warren county and there spent his last days. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom Daniel W. was the first born. Daniel W. St. John remained in Warren county until after his marriage to Eliza Bone, when, in 1828, he moved to Greene county (Ohio) and settled in Caesarscreek township. After improving this place he sold it and moved to a farm on the Wilmington pike south of Xenia, where his last days were spent, he being sixty-five years of age at the time of his death. His wife died at the age of sixty-three. They were the parents of eleven children. It is needless to say that the St. John family, the descendants in the present generation of the Ohio pioneer, John St. John, and his wife, Anna Lockwood, form a numerous connection. Former Governor John P. St. John, of Kansas, is a member of this family. Cyrus Bone St. John, eldest of the sons of Daniel W. and Eliza (Bone) St. John, was reared in Greene county (Ohio) and remained there after his marriage to Dorothy Hickman until in 1856 when he came over into Indiana with his family and settled on a farm in Jay county, two miles east of the village of Albany. He came to be the owner of 220 acres of land and continued farming until his retirement and removal to Albany, where his last days were spent. Of the ten children born to him and his wife, nine are still living, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Catherine, Josephine and Lillie, and five brothers, J. W., L. R., C. R., R. M. and J. Frank St. John. David M. St. John was but seven years of age when he came with his parents into Indiana in 1856 and he grew to manhood on the home farm east of Albany. Upon completing his schooling he remained for a year or two with his father on the farm and then took up the carpenter trade and for eight years was thus engaged, principally in the building of barns. He did not marry until nearly thirty years of age and then he returned to farming, presently buying a farm of eighty acres in the home neighborhood, which as time passed he increased to 134 acres. For thirty-eight years Mr. St. John continued farming and then he retired and moved to Albany,

where he since has made his home. For years he had been a member of the board of directors of the Albany State Bank and in May, 1916, he was elected president of that institution, a position which he now occupies. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Albany and for more than thirty years he served the congregation of that church as steward. On September 21, 1878, David M. St. John was united in marriage to Anna C. Fudge. Mr. and Mrs. St. John have one child, a daughter, Lola A. St. John. Mrs. St. John also is a member of one of the numerous Greene county (Ohio) families that in the '50s and '60s were transplanted to this county. She was born in Greene county, daughter of J. S. and Martha J. (Boots) Fudge, both of whom also were born in that same county, the former a descendant of John Fudge, a Virginian, who was one of the early settlers of Greene county and who long represented that county in the Ohio legislature. Mrs. St. John was but a child when she came with her parents to Delaware county in 1864. Her father, J. S. Fudge, bought a quarter of a section of land in Niles township and settled down there to farming, remaining there until his retirement and removal to Albany, where his last days were spent. Of the twelve children born to J. S. Fudge and wife ten are still living, Mrs. St. John having six sisters, Catherine, Mary E., Sarepta, Laura, Alice and Harriet and three brothers, Lewis M., Charles B. and Ulysses Frank Fudge.

ALTON BROMAGEM, superintendent of the Albany public schools, was born in the picturesque old hamlet of Fairview, over the line in the neighboring county of Randolph, and is a son of Benjamin and Matilda (Bozarth) Bromagem, both of whom were born in Greene county, Ohio, the former near the city of Xenia and the latter in the Cedarville neighborhood, both members of pioneer families in that county which has furnished so many of the residents of this section of Indiana. Matilda Bozarth's father, Joshua Bozarth, was a soldier of the War of 1812. Benjamin Bromagem, a soldier of the Union during the time of the Civil war, was a tailor by vocation but an agriculturist by preference. After his marriage he and his wife made the trip over here into Indiana by covered wagon and settled in the vicinity of Marion. A few years later they decided to return to Greene county, but on the way back were so greatly taken with the situation surrounding Fairview that they stopped there and established their home, spending the remainder of their lives there, and it is thus that Superintendent Bromagem is a Hoosier instead of a Buckeye. Reared in Randolph county, Alton Bromagem completed

his schooling in the normal school at Lebanon and early devoted himself to teaching. He began teaching in the district schools of his native county and later became associated with the schools at Dunkirk in the neighboring county of Jay. For thirteen years he was connected with the Dunkirk schools, nine years of this period being spent as principal of the junior high school, and then in 1920 he was called to the superintendency of the Albany schools, which position he since has occupied. On August 20, 1912, at Union City, Ind., Alton Bromagem was united in marriage to Annette Anderson, who was born in that city, a daughter of Melvin and Mary (Casten) Anderson, and who at that time was a teacher in the Union City schools and who later and for years was associated with her husband in teaching service at Dunkirk. To this union one child has been born, a son, Bozarth Bromagem. Mr. and Mrs. Bromagem are Republicans and are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Albany, Mr. Bromagem being a member of the official board of that congregation. He also is affiliated with the Masonic order.

CLIFTON CRANOR, proprietor of the great Cranor Coal Yard at Macedonia avenue and Eighth street, Muncie, was born on a farm in Wayne county, Indiana, March 28, 1884, and is a son of Luther A. and Elmetta (Cranor) Cranor, both of whom also were born in Indiana and the latter of whom is still living, making her home in Muncie, where she has resided for more than thirty years. She is a daughter of John Cranor, a native of Maryland, who settled in Wayne county, this state, in the days before the Civil war. The late Luther A. Cranor, a veteran of the Civil war, was a son of Joseph Cranor, a native of North Carolina and of a different family than that of John Cranor of Maryland, who also became a resident of Wayne county in pioneer days. Luther A. Cranor was reared in Wayne county and was living there when the Civil war broke out, he then being fifteen years of age. Long before the war ended he was able to get into the service of the Union army and for two years served as a soldier in an Indiana regiment. Upon the completion of his military service he returned to Wayne county and after his marriage there became engaged in farming, a vocation he followed until in 1891, when, following the opening of the "boom" attendant on the development of the natural gas field hereabout he moved to Muncie, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on February 14, 1921, he then being seventy-five years of age. He was a Freemason and a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. To him and his wife were born three children, the sub-



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ject of this sketch having two sisters, Mabel, who makes her home with her mother in Muncie, and Madge, wife of Kelly Rousch, of St. Louis. Clifton Cranor was seven years of age when his parents moved to Muncie in 1891 and he received his schooling in the schools of that city. When sixteen years of age he became employed as a steel worker, in the Muncie plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company and with that concern and others, in various cities, continued employed as a steel worker until he developed his plans for becoming engaged in the coal business. It was in January, 1914, that Mr. Cranor established a coal yard in West End (Muncie) and later his present extensive yard and plant at Macedonia avenue and Eighth street, where he was what is regarded as the best equipped coal yard in Delaware county, this modern equipment including six mammoth concrete coal pockets (towers), forty feet in height by twenty feet in diameter, each having a capacity of 250 tons, and with coal hoists electrically operated. From small proportions Mr. Cranor has built up his coal business, both wholesale and retail, to its present degree of importance and in doing so has "made his own way." In his fraternal relations he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and with the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In 1910, when he was twenty-six years of age, Clifton Cranor was united in marriage to Nelle Quirk, of Muncie, and to this union four children have been born, two of whom are living, Robert Q. and Frederick Cranor.

CLARENCE B. KEISER, formerly and for many years an active figure in the commercial life of this community, has been dead for more than twenty years but he left a good memory at his passing and it is but fitting that there should be carried here some slight tribute to that memory. Mr. Keiser was born at Anderson, Ind., in 1857, and was a son of George and Clara (Blossom) Keiser, who later became residents of Muncie, where George Keiser established himself in business in the wholesale plumber's supply line and where he spent the remainder of his life, his son Clarence succeeding him in the direction of that business. George Keiser and wife were the parents of four children, the subject of this memorial sketch having had two sisters, Roberta, who married J. P. Davis, and Grace, who married J. M. Maring, and a brother, George E. Keiser. During the days of his childhood Clarence B. Keiser moved with his parents from Anderson to Indianapolis and it was thus that in the latter city he received his schooling. When his father became established in business in Muncie he took an active part in the direction of that

business and upon his father's death succeeded to the business, which he continued to manage until his death on April 17, 1903. In 1901, at Muncie, Clarence B. Keiser was united in marriage to Sarah Reber McCulloch, who survives him and who continues to make her home in Muncie, residing in the Colonial apartments in East Adams street. Mrs. Keiser was born at Muncie and has lived here all her life, member of a family that has been prominent here since ante-bellum days. She is a daughter of Dr. James and Caroline J. (Foulke) McCulloch, both Pennsylvanians by birth, the latter born in Carlisle, Pa., daughter of Dr. George D. Foulke. Dr. James McCulloch, of excellent memory in this community among those whose recollections of persons and events here go back fifty years and more, was born in Springfield, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1813. In 1847 he was graduated in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania and thereafter engaged in the practice of medicine at Lancaster, Ohio, until in 1856, when he came with his family to Muncie and established himself in practice here, in this city spending the rest of his life, his death occurring on May 3, 1877, as is set out elsewhere in this work, together with a fitting expression of the high regard in which he was held in the community in which for more than twenty years he had carried on his labor of love as a physician. Doctor McCulloch's widow survived him for many years, her death occurring on May 14, 1904. As a memorial to his mother and to his wife, the late George F. McCulloch gave half the ground on which stands Grace Episcopal church and parish house. His wife was Cora Patterson, daughter of Arthur F. and Samantha (Collier) Patterson, the latter of whom was a daughter of the brilliant Samuel R. Collier, the first surveyor of Delaware county, who did so much to stimulate cultural impulses hereabout in the formative days of this community. The heroic statue of George F. McCulloch in McCulloch park is a citizens' memorial to that community builder, concerning whose works here fitting mention is made elsewhere. Besides this honored son, Dr. James and Caroline (Foulke) McCulloch had four daughters, those besides Mrs. Keiser being Mary, who married Arthur E. Smith; Caroline H., who married Arthur W. Brady, now of Anderson, and Harriet F. McCulloch. Mrs. Caroline J. McCulloch was for many years an acknowledged leader in the cultural activities of this community. She was one of the organizers of the historic Woman's Club of Muncie, for thirteen years served as president of the same and was president emeritus of that organization at the time of her death. She was the first president of the Federated Club of Clubs and at the

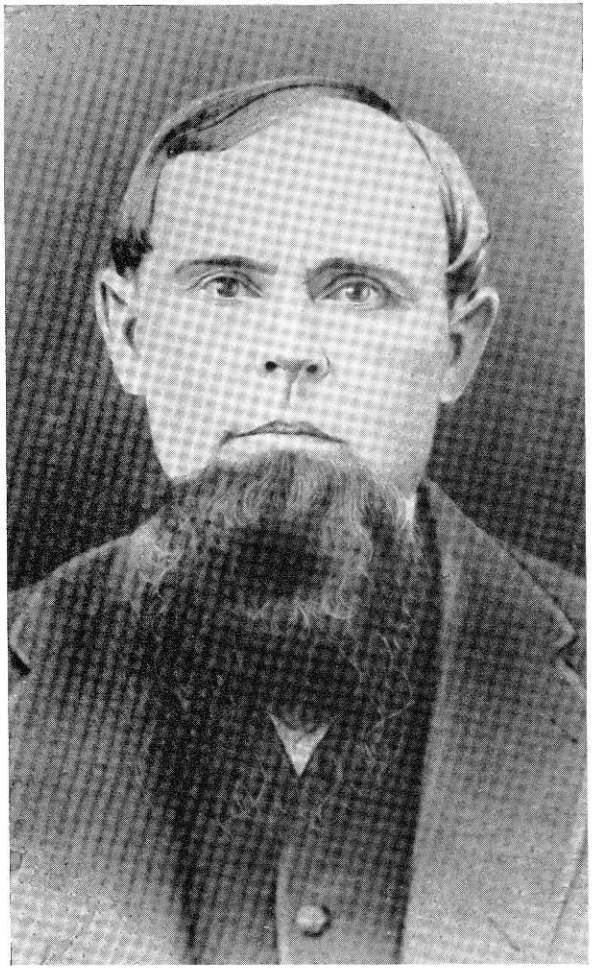
time of her death her name was carried in the officiary of that central club as honorary president. Among the many tributes paid to the memory of this good woman at the first session of the Woman's Club following her death was the following "In Memoriam" by the late Mrs. Josinah V. H. Koons:

Earth holds her grand reception, night and day;
Guests come, remain awhile, then go away;
Each has his chosen friends for whom he keeps
An altar fire that never wanes nor sleeps;
But now and then a rare soul comes and fills
The world around with joy, and thrills
The hearts of all with love; such was our friend,
Whose priceless worth her charming presence penned
Indelibly on Memory's sacred page.
We thank thee, God, for such an heritage.

CHARLES L. ADDINGTON, a substantial farmer and landowner of Hamilton township, residing on the Wheeling pike, rural mail route No. 2 out of Muncie, was born on a farm in the vicinity of Fairfield, Iowa, September 25, 1861, and is a son of Bishop and Delilah (Wile) Addington, natives of Indiana, who two years later returned to this state. Bishop Addington was born in Wayne county, Indiana, and was there married. For some years he and his wife made their home in Iowa and in 1863 returned to Indiana and settled in Wayne county. Bishop Addington was a farmer and after some years of farming in Wayne county moved to Ridgeville. Seven years later he bought a farm of eighty acres in Jay county and there spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, seven of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having four sisters, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary and Rilla and two brothers, Edward and Theodore Addington. Charles L. Addington was two years of age when his parents returned to Indiana from Iowa and he was but a lad when they located at Ridgeville. He finished his schooling at Ridgeville and was employed as a farm hand until after his marriage, when he bought a farm of seventy-five acres in Knox township, Jay county. He cleared and improved that place and then traded it for a farm of eighty-six acres in Greene township in that same county. About six years later he rented that farm and bought a place of fifty-five acres just north of Redkey, which he presently sold and then bought a farm of 100 acres north of Portland, still retaining his Greene township place. Six years later he sold his Jay county holdings (186 acres) and bought 160 acres on the Wheel-

ing pike in Hamilton township, this county, where he since has made his home, in the meantime extending his holdings until now he is the owner of 212 acres there, which he has improved in good shape and on which he has erected two sets of buildings. Mr. and Mrs. Addington are Republicans and the latter is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Charles L. Addington married Ida Baker, daughter of Zachariah and Priscilla (McFerren) Baker, of Blackford county, and he and his wife have two sons, Orris and Harold, the latter of whom married Helen Florey. Orris Addington married Fern Jester and has four children, Florence, Howard, Kenneth and Robert.

CHARLES B. KIRK, proprietor of one of the leading sporting goods and novelties establishments in Muncie and one of the oldest merchants in point of continuous service in the city, is a native son of Muncie and has lived here all his life. Mr. Kirk was born on November 24, 1865, and is a son of William and Hettie (Merriweather) Kirk, the latter of whom was born in Piqua, Ohio. Her father, Benjamin Merriweather, came to this country from Yorkshire, England, and established his home at Piqua. He was a shoemaker and was for years in business in that city. William Kirk also was born in Yorkshire, England, and was but a lad when he came to this country with his father, Charles B. Kirk, a saddler, who first located at West Milton in Miami county, Ohio, and then moved to Muncie, where he followed his trade. William Kirk was taught saddlery and harness making and for a time followed that trade at Muncie but later became engaged in mercantile business, in 1865 opening a grocery store which he carried on until in 1887, when he made a general store out of it, and he was thus engaged in business until his death two years later, in 1889. William Kirk and wife had three children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Bessie M., wife of F. V. Knapp, and had a brother, the late E. Will Kirk, formerly and for years his partner in business, who died on July 24, 1899. Reared at Muncie, Charles B. Kirk received his schooling in the schools of that city and under the direction of J. N. Perkins learned the printer's trade in the office of the old Muncie *Times*. For some time he followed this vocation and then, in 1887, became associated with his father in the latter's commercial enterprise at the corner of Walnut and Washington streets. After their father's death in 1889 he and his brother Will carried on the business under the name of Kirk Bros. until the death of E. Will Kirk in 1899, after which Charles B. Kirk carried on the business alone until in the course of time his sons, Ernest W. and Robert W. Kirk, became associated



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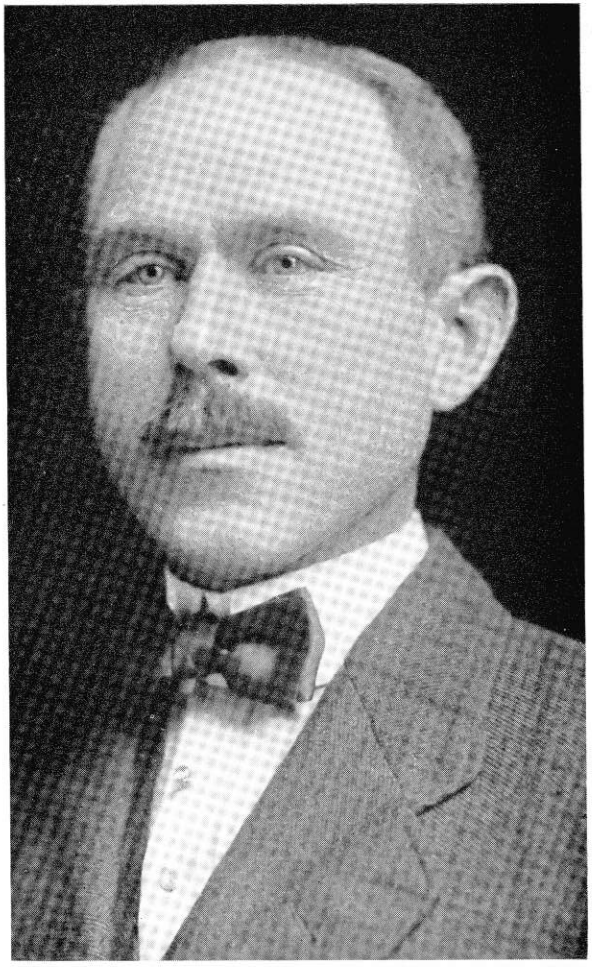

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with him in the business, these sons now representing in the third generation a business that has been carried on in the Kirk name for nearly seventy years. In 1889 the Kirk store was moved from its location at 121 East Main street, where the business was carried on until on February 1, 1924, when the present site at 117 East Main street was occupied. Here the Kirks own and occupy a three-story building with full basement, this site having a frontage of twenty-one and one-half feet and 122 feet in depth. Charles B. Kirk has been continuously engaged in business in Muncie for thirty-nine years. Thirty-seven years ago he began to make a specialty of the sporting goods department of the store and since has developed this line until now he has one of the best stocked stores of the kind in eastern Indiana and has for many years been recognized as a sort of local headquarters for goods in that line, sporting goods and novelties being his specialties. Kirk's slogan—"We Sell Everything but Elephants". In 1900 Charles B. Kirk was united in marriage to Julia E. Wilson, daughter of Edward Wilson and a member of one of the old families of this county, and to this union three sons have been born, Ernest W., Robert W. and Charles Edward, the two first named of whom, as noted above, are now associated with their father in the old established business. Ernest W. Kirk married Margaret Ethell, July 12, 1920, and has two children, Norman Jack and David Eugene. Charles B. Kirk resides at 224 North Jefferson street. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk are members of the Presbyterian church. Charles B. Kirk is a York Rite (Knights Templar) and Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce.

BURL A. MADILL, a substantial farmer and landowner of Center township, residing on the Wilson road, rural mail route No. 3 out of Muncie, was born on a farm in Delaware township, this county, January 27, 1881, and is a son of John and Ida (Polhemus) Madill, the latter of whom was born in Greene county, Ohio, and came to Delaware county with her parents when she was a child. The late John Madill was born at Miamisburg in Montgomery county, Ohio, and was a son of Adam and Charlotte Madill, who came to this country from Germany in 1831 and located in Ohio, where Adam Madill died in 1862. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring in 1889. They were the parents of seven children, of whom John was the last born. John Madill was but a boy when his father

died and he presently came to Delaware county to make his home with his elder brother, Adam Madill, a veteran of the Civil war, who had established his home on a farm in Delaware township. He thus grew up familiar with farming methods and after his marriage (January 3, 1878) established his home on a farm of forty-five acres which he had bought in Delaware township and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on February 16, 1919, he then being the owner of more than 300 acres. To him and his wife were born three children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Lela, and a brother, Charles O. Madill, of Muncie. Reared on the home farm in Delaware township, Burl A. Madill completed his schooling in the Selma high school. At the age of twenty he began farming on his own account, renting from his father, and after his marriage in the following year continued farming as a renter for a few years, at the end of which time he bought eighty acres of his present farm on the Wilson road in Center township and has since made his home there, meanwhile adding to his holdings until now he is the owner of a well improved farm of 240 acres. Mr. Madill is a Republican and is an active member of the Delaware County Farm Bureau. It was on February 27, 1902, that Burl A. Madill was united in marriage to Flora A. Anderson and to this union two sons have been born, Cecil A. and Ralph Madill, the former of whom now is a student at Purdue University and the latter at DePauw University. Mrs. Madill also was born in Delaware township and is a daughter of Alexander H. and Rhoda C. (Hatfield) Anderson, the latter of whom was born in Henry county, Indiana, in 1847, a daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Thompson) Hatfield, the former of whom was the pioneer merchant at New Corner, having moved there in late '40s. Jacob Hatfield died in the early '50s, leaving his widow with four children, one son and three daughters. The son, John Hatfield, became a soldier of the Union during the time of the Civil war and was killed at the battle of Kennesaw Mountain. The widow Hatfield presently married Abraham Cline and became a resident of Delaware township, Rhoda C. Hatfield thus living in this latter township at the time of her marriage. Alexander H. Anderson, a veteran of the Civil war, who died at his farm home in Delaware township in 1907, was born in the vicinity of Staunton, Va., in 1842, a son of William and Janet (Murray) Anderson, who in 1848 became residents of Indiana. Following the death of her husband William Anderson's widow came to Delaware county. She had four children, the son and three daughters, and Alexander H. Anderson was taken into the home of the

Godlove family in the Sharon (Desota) neighborhood, where he grew up as a farmer and carpenter. During the time of the Civil war he rendered service as a soldier, a member of Company G of the 13th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry and after his marriage in 1866 continued working as a carpenter until presently he bought a farm in Delaware township and was thereafter engaged in farming. Of the nine children born to him and his wife all grew to maturity save two and six are still living, Mrs. Madill having two sisters, Mrs. Mary J. Ketterman and Mrs. Myrtle Jones, and three brothers, Charles S., John G. and Frank W. Anderson.

GEORGE WILLIAM WAGNER, a veteran of the malleable iron industry and a resident of Muncie for more than thirty years, was born at Springfield, Ohio, May 28, 1859, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Bangert) Wagner, both natives of Germany and the latter of whom was but a child when she came to this country with her parents, the family settling in southern Ohio. Joseph Wagner came to America in the days of his young manhood and after his marriage established his home at Springfield, Ohio, where he became active in the mechanical trades. George William Wagner grew up at Springfield and was graduated from the high school there. Upon leaving school he began working as a molder in the foundry of the Champion Malleable Iron Works at Springfield and in time was advanced to the position of foreman of the foundry. He married when twenty-four years of age and continued to make his home at Springfield until in 1893 when the Whiteley interests were transferred from Springfield to Muncie. Mr. Wagner accompanied the Whiteleys to Muncie and it was he and Bert Whiteley who developed the system of utilizing natural gas as a fuel in the malleable iron industry, Mr. Wagner having charge of the erection and development of the furnaces at the plant of the Whiteley Malleable Casting Company and head of the foundry department. He presently was made superintendent of the plant, became a stockholder in the company and a member of the directorate of the same and then became secretary and treasurer of the company. For twenty-five years Mr. Wagner continued as superintendent of the malleable casting plant, or until in 1919 when the Whiteley interest in the same was disposed of. He then took over the direction of the equipment of a malleable iron mill at Kokomo and when that plant was placed in good running order returned to Muncie where his time has since been spent largely in connection with his duties as president of the Muncie Masonic Temple Association in connection with the erection at Muncie of one of the most not-

able Masonic temples in the middle west, the corner stone of which was laid with impressive ceremonies on October 30, 1923. Mr. Wagner has for years been an active figure in local Masonic circles, a York Rite and Scottish Rite Mason, and has been elevated to the honorary 33d degree or supreme council of the Masonic bodies in America. He also is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Muncie Chamber of Commerce. For the past eight years Mr. Wagner has been a member of the directorate of the Merchants National Bank of Muncie. He is a Republican and his church affiliations are with the Presbyterians. It was in February, 1884, at Springfield, that George William Wagner was united in marriage to Lora V. Worthington, who was born in that city, daughter of John N. and Anna Worthington, and who died at Muncie in March, 1904. Mr. Wagner resides at 326 North Monroe street.

R. MILT RETHERFORD, president of the Retherford Manufacturing Company of Muncie, manufacturers of lighting fixtures and specialties, is a native Hoosier and has been a resident of this state all his life. Mr. Retherford was born in the neighboring county of Madison in 1873 and is a son of Robert and Nancy (Cook) Retherford, the latter of whom was born in Union county, this state, a daughter of John and Anna (Willis) Cook. The late Robert Retherford was born in Pike county, Kentucky, and was a son of John and Ann Retherford, who many years ago established their home in Indiana. After his marriage, Robert Retherford established himself on a farm in Madison county and there spent his last days. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, those besides the subject of this sketch being William A., Sarah Jane, Joseph M., Sarilda, John R., Marinda, Austin, Huldah and Robert Jr. Reared on the home farm in Madison county, R. Milt Retherford completed his schooling in the Indiana State Normal School and was for some years engaged during the winters in teaching school in his home county. He also took a course of special instruction in the old Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In 1898, in association with his brother, the late John R. Retherford, he established his present manufacturing business at Muncie, and has ever since been thus engaged, his industrial activities in the city thus covering a period of a round quarter of a century. The Retherford Manufacturing Company, originally known as the Retherford Bros. Company, has a well-equipped plant at 109-11 North High street, and its products, lighting

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fixtures and specialties of that sort, find a market in every state in the Union, the Retherford products thus doing their part in spreading the fame of Muncie throughout the country. Mr. Retherford is president of this company; his son, Garland F. Retherford, is the vice-president, and D. M. McWilliams is the secretary and treasurer. In 1898 R. Milt Retherford was united in marriage to Grace Riggs, daughter of Easom and Martha (Ball) Riggs, and to this union three children have been born—the son, Garland, mentioned above, who married Margaret McGuff, and two daughters, Romanelle and Helen. The Retherfords reside at 623 East Washington street. Mr. Retherford is a Scottish Rite and Knights Templar Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. For eleven years he served as a member of the Muncie city school board, six years of this time being president of the board, and was thus rendering school service during the time of the erection of the Central high school.

GEORGE W. MARING, one of the leaders in the industrial development of Muncie following the opening of the natural gas field here in the late '80s, had at the time of his death in 1916 been a resident of Muncie for nearly thirty years and during that time had deeply impressed himself upon the business life of the community. Mr. Maring was a veteran of the Civil war. He was born at Belmont, Ohio, August 15, 1843, and was a son of Peter and Edith (Davis) Maring, both also natives of Ohio and the former of whom was a carpenter, who during the later '40s moved to the village of Somerton in Belmont county, that state. It was thus that George W. Maring was reared at Somerton, where he received his schooling and where, when the Civil war broke out, he was working as a harness maker's apprentice. On August 16, 1862, he enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and went to the front as a member of Company B of the 122d regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which gallant command he served until honorably discharged on March 23, 1865, by reason of physical disability due to a serious wound he received in the Battle of the Wilderness, a corporal and color guard of the regiment. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Maring resumed his work as a harness maker and presently became engaged in business in that line on his own account at Flushing, Ohio. He later became employed in the drug line at Chillicothe and about two years later became engaged as a traveling representative for the wholesale window glass firm of J. M. Maring & Company, of which his elder brother was the head, at

Bellaire, Ohio, and was thus engaged when this concern decided to transfer its operations to Muncie following the discovery of natural gas here. In the meantime the company had been reorganized and when it came to Muncie in 1888 was known as Maring, Hart & Company, the two Maring brothers and T. F. Hart composing the company. It was in the summer of 1888 that this glass plant was secured for Muncie and the factory in the Boyceton suburb was erected and put in operation without delay, the manufacture of window glass being its specialty, and until the time came when it was found the supply of gas no longer was adequate for such purposes it was one of the important industries of the town. This company also established a glass factory at Dunkirk, over the line in the neighboring county of Jay. George W. Maring established his home at Muncie when the company with which he was connected located here and in this city he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on December 15, 1916. He was one of the organizers of the Merchants National Bank of Muncie and in other ways took an active part in the city's general commercial and industrial development. Since the death of Mr. Maring his widow has continued to make her home at Muncie, residing at 803 East Washington street. She was born (Mary Elizabeth Van Scoyoc) at Pleasant Grove, Pa., and is a daughter of J. M. and Mary (Rogers) Van Scoyoc, the latter of whom was a daughter of James Rogers and wife, the latter of whom was a Dilley. To J. M. Van Scoyoc and wife were born six children, those besides Mrs. Maring being Addison, Vance, James (deceased), Lavina and Elam. Mrs. Maring was married in 1877. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was her husband.

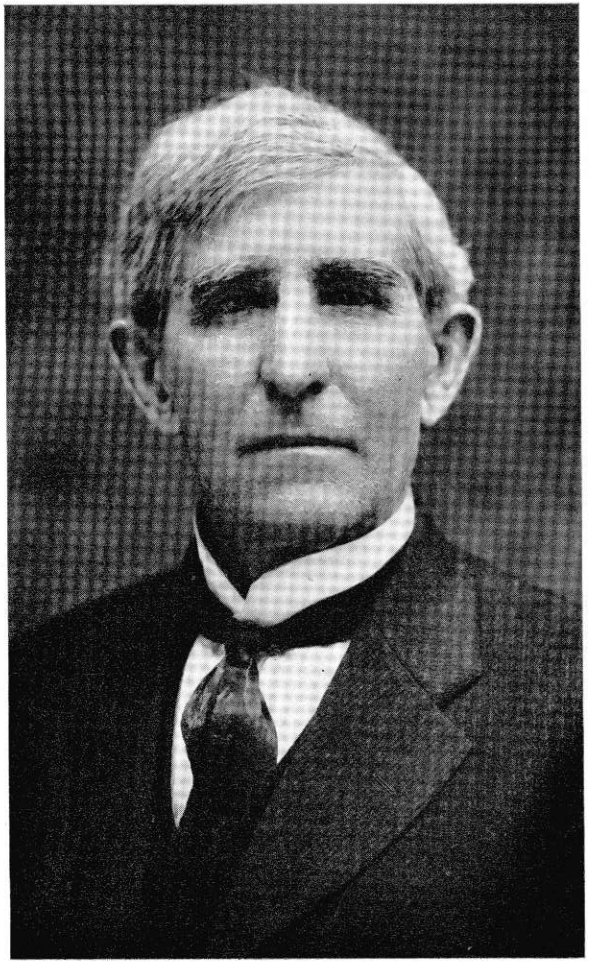
CHARLES M. SMITH, superintendent of the plant of the T. F. Hart Paper Company of Albany and for years active in the civic affairs of his home town, a former member of the town board, former town clerk and treasurer and a former member of the local school board, is a native of the Old Dominion but has been a resident of Indiana and of Albany since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Smith was born at Middlebrook, Va., June 23, 1876, and is a son of Mordecai and Sarah Smith, the former of whom was a cabinet maker, who came to Indiana with their family more than thirty years ago and established their home at Albany. Charles M. Smith was sixteen years of age when he came to Indiana with his parents in 1892 and he completed his schooling in the Albany schools. In 1894 he began working in the plant of the Albany Paper Company, working on the paper machine, and three years later, in 1897, was taken into the company's

offices as a bookkeeper and general office assistant to the manager, thus being in a way to acquire a general knowledge of all the details of the business. In February, 1916, the paper mill and strawboard works at Albany were taken over by the T. F. Hart Paper Company, which since then has operated the plant, and in the following June Mr. Smith was advanced to the position of general superintendent of the plant, which position he since has occupied, one of the best known paper-mill men in this section. This company makes a specialty of strawboard manufactory, both plain and corrugated, and has created a wide market for its products. Mr. Smith is a Democrat and has long given his attention to local civic affairs. He served as a member of the Albany town board for three years, served a term as town clerk and treasurer, and for four years was a member of the local school board. He is a member of Anthony lodge, No. 171, Free and Accepted Masons, at Albany. Charles M. Smith married Josephine Depoy, a member of one of the real pioneer families of Delaware county, the Depoys having been represented in this county since the middle '30s of the past century, and to this union four children have been born, a son, Fitzhugh Lee Smith, and three daughters, Alice Lucile, Virginia Lee and Mary Evelyn Smith. The Smiths are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Albany. Mrs. Smith's parents, Martin L. and Nancy J. (Bartlett) Depoy, both were born in this county, the latter a daughter of Elijah and Mary (Mann) Bartlett and the former a son of Samuel and Melinda Depoy, pioneers of the county. Samuel Depoy was a Virginian, son of Martin Depoy, a soldier of the War of 1812, who settled in 1836 in what is now the Albany neighborhood in this county.

ISAAC RAPPAPORT, who died at his home in Muncie on June 1, 1922, and whose widow is still living there, residing at 700 West Howard street, was of European birth, but had been a resident of this country and of Indiana since the days of his childhood. Mr. Rappaport was born in Poland, a son of Lewis and Fannie Rappaport, who many years ago came to America with their family and located at Indianapolis. Isaac Rappaport was fifteen years of age when his parents came to this country and at Indianapolis he grew up familiar with business forms. As a young man he went to Texas and was there employed for some time in his cousin's dry goods store. Upon his return to Indianapolis he became engaged in business there on his own account. In 1898 he disposed of his interests in that city and moved to Muncie, where he became engaged in the wholesale liquor business and where he thus continued engaged until his retire-

ment several years before his death. In 1894, at Indianapolis, Isaac Rappaport was united in marriage to Rachel Ringold, who survives him and who has three children all graduates of the Muncie high school—a son, Louis H. Rappaport, and two daughters, Dorothy and Rosalind, the latter of whom has been a teacher in the local kindergarten schools. Louis H. Rappaport, a veteran of the World war, is a member of the local society of the Order of B'nai B'rith, of which his father was long a leading member, and he also has served as secretary of the Jewish synagogue at Muncie. He is a member of the local post of the American Legion. Mrs. Rappaport was born at Indianapolis and is a daughter of Hyman and Anna (Dobrowitz) Ringold, formerly and for many years residents of that city and both now deceased. The Rappaports are Republicans.

MARK SWEARINGEN, a retired farmer and landowner of Delaware county and a director of the Mutual Home Savings Association of Muncie, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, with the exception of four years spent in Iowa, a resident of Delaware county for more than forty years and of Muncie for the past twelve years and more. Mr. Swearingen was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of the historic old hamlet of Rogersville, down over the line in Henry county, January 15, 1850, and is a son of Henry and Josina (Powers) Swearingen, both natives of Virginia, who had become residents of Indiana and of Henry county in the days of their youth. John Swearingen, a farmer, died in 1852. Two years later his widow remarried, and in 1856 she moved to the then developing state of Iowa, where she spent the remainder of her life. Mark Swearingen was but two years of age when his father died. Upon his mother's departure for a life of pioneering in Iowa, he then being six years old, he accompanied her and remained there for four years, at the end of which time he returned and was kept by kinsfolk in Indiana, and it was thus that he got his schooling here. He grew up familiar with farm life, and after his marriage, at the age of twenty-six, began farming for himself on a tract of eighteen acres he had bought in Henry county. He remained there for four or five years, or until on February 26, 1881, when he became a resident of Delaware county, which ever since has been his home. Upon coming here Mr. Swearingen settled on a farm in Perry township, but three years later, in 1884, bought a farm of 120 acres east of Shideler, in Union township, where he established his home and where he remained until his retirement from the farm in 1912 and removal to Muncie, where he since has made his home, residing at



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MRS. MARK SWEARINGEN

918 North Elm street. Though retired from the general activities of the farm, Mr. Swearingen continues his interest in the general affairs of the community and is a member of the directorate of the Mutual Home Savings Association, a well-established institution at the corner of Charles and Mulberry streets. It was on October 7, 1876, in Henry county, that Mark Swearingen was united in marriage to Emma Z. Jackson, who was born in Perry township, this county, daughter of Harvey H. and Elizabeth Jackson, mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Swearingen have been born three children, James Watt (deceased), Ruth D. and Ralph. The late James Watt Swearingen married Luticia Pitts of Lafayette, Ind., and died leaving two children, Paul and Allen. Ruth D. Swearingen married Charles E. Weaver of Granville, and has one child, a son, Walter Verr. Ralph Swearingen has been twice married. His first wife, Lucy Castle, of the Muncie neighborhood, died, and he later married Lois Boxell of Muncie.

MARVIN L. PITTENGER, a substantial farmer and landowner of Hamilton township, residing on the Center pike, rural mail route No. 2 out of Muncie, was born in Liberty township, this county, August 23, 1867, and is a son of Francis and Eliza Jane (Marks) Pittenger, the latter of whom was born in Ohio. Francis Pittenger was born in Delaware township, this county, a member of one of the real pioneer families of that part of the county, and after his marriage established his home on a farm of eighty acres of woodland in Liberty township. This tract he cleared and improved and gradually added to his holdings until he became the owner of a farm of 200 acres. He also had a tile mill and a saw mill on his place and was one of the active factors in the development of that section. To him and his wife were born thirteen children, ten of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch (the fourth in order of birth) having six sisters, Rhoda, Elizabeth, Emma, Nellie, Agnes and Theresa and three brothers, Washington, John and George Pittenger. Reared on the home farm in Liberty township, Marvin L. Pittenger received his schooling in the local schools and until his marriage remained at home, helpful in the labors of the farm and in the operation of the mills. After his marriage he began farming as a renter in Hamilton township and was thus engaged for fourteen years, at the end of which time he bought a part of the place on which he is now living on the Center pike and has since resided there, meanwhile having increased his holdings to eighty acres, which he has improved in up-to-date fashion. Mr. and Mrs. Pittenger are members of the Pleasant Grove

Methodist Episcopal church, of the congregation of which Mr. Pittenger formerly was a steward. He now is a member of the board of parsonage trustees. Mrs. Pittenger formerly was president of the Ladies Aid Society. She was born in Hamilton township (Emma Williamson) and is a daughter of Adam and Sarah (Moore) Williamson, the latter of whom also was born in this county, daughter of Lewis and Patience (Truitt) Moore, pioneers of Center township. Adam Williamson was born in Scioto county, Ohio, and was five years of age when in 1834 he came to this county with his parents, Peter and Rosanna (Shafer) Williamson the family settling in Hamilton township. He became in time the owner of a farm of 160 acres in that township and there spent his last days. Of his six children, four are still living, Mrs. Pittenger having two sisters, Mary and Effie, and a brother, William Williamson. Mr. and Mrs. Pittenger have three children, two sons, Ernest and Delbert, and a daughter, Sarah, the latter of whom was graduated from the Royerton high school and from Hanover College. Ernest Pittenger, a veteran of the World war, also was graduated from the Royerton high school and then attended the agricultural college of Purdue University. Delbert Pittenger was graduated from the Royerton high school and is now a student at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

WILLIAM H. WARFEL, who for years had been engaged in the tinning business at Muncie and who died at his home in that city in the fall of 1921, was a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and had resided here all his life. Mr. Warfel was born at Yorktown in 1862 and was a son of Emanuel and Catherine (Parkison) Warfel, both of whom were members of pioneer families in that section of the county, the latter a daughter of Samuel and Ellen (Mohler) Parkison, who had settled in Mt. Pleasant township upon their arrival here from Pennsylvania in 1839, Samuel Parkison having entered from the government a tract of land in that township two years prior to his settlement here. Emanuel Warfel also had come to this county with his parents, Daniel and Fannie Warfel, from Pennsylvania, this family settling in Mt. Pleasant township in 1840. Daniel Warfel died there in 1860 and his wife died in 1870. They reared a family of nine children and the Warfel connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one. To Emanuel and Catherine (Parkison) Warfel were born six children, the subject of this memorial sketch having had two sisters, Nancy, wife of John Hervey, and Mary, wife of Henry Coppersmith, and three brothers, Charles, Emanuel and George War-

fel. Reared at Yorktown, where he received his schooling, William H. Warfel early learned the trade of tinsmith and followed that vocation all his life. He married when twenty-one years of age and not long afterward became established in business on his own account, setting up a tinshop on the north side of the public square in Muncie, and there developed an extensive business in general tinsmithing, roofing and cornice work, a business which since his death has been carried on by his sons, Clarence A. and Harry Warfel, who are maintaining the old establishment at 119 North High street. William H. Warfel died on November 11, 1921, and his widow continues to make her home at Muncie, residing at 1001 West First street. He was a member of the local lodges of the Elks, the Red Men and the Eagles. Mrs. Warfel also was born at Yorktown (Sarah A. Allen) and is a daughter of John and Louise (Bryant) Allen, the latter of whom was a daughter of Charles and Eliza (Powell) Bryant. John Allen was a son of Fielden and Betsey (Dragoo) Allen, the latter of whom was a member of the pioneer Dragoo family of this county. John Allen and wife had four children, Mrs. Warfel having a sister, Eliza, and two brothers, Richard F. and Scott Allen. To William H. and Sarah A. (Allen) Warfel were born seven children, all of whom are living save Charles, the second in order of birth, and Oreta Luella, wife of Carlton Wood, who died on April 19, 1924. Besides the two sons, Clarence A. and Harry Warfel, mentioned above as carrying on the business at Muncie established by their late father. Mrs. Warfel now has three daughters living, namely: Ortha, wife of Ora Edwards, who has two children, Edna and Charles; Effie, wife of Charles Fudge, and Katie Louise, wife of Lawrence Lancaster, who has three children, Walter, Rosemund Luella and Margaret Jane. Clarence A. Warfel married Clara Surgeon and has two children, Charles William and Ella May, and Harry Warfel married Chelse Thornburg.

ARTHUR W. LOCKHART, who is engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Albany, this county, was born at Albany and has lived there practically all his life, the exception being a period some years ago when he was connected with the operations of a steel company in Pennsylvania. Mr. Lockhart was born on September 23, 1875, and is a son of Benjamin and Martha (Jones) Lockhart, the former of whom was born in Highland county, Ohio, and came to Indiana in the days of his young manhood, establishing his home at Albany after his marriage. Arthur W. Lockhart was reared at Albany and received his schooling in the schools of that village. For

awhile after leaving school he was employed as a clerk in a retail store at Albany and then became connected with the operations of the Albany Manufacturing Company, afterward known as the Shelly Steel Tube Company, and was with this company for seven years, a part of this time being spent in the company's offices in Pennsylvania. He then became engaged in his present line, real estate and fire insurance, and has since maintained his office at Albany, one of Delaware county's well established realtors. Mr. Lockhart is a Republican and a Freemason. In 1898 Arthur W. Lockhart was united in marriage to Iva Davis, daughter, of the Rev. Eli and Rebecca (Halfin) Davis, of Albany, and to this union two children have been born, a daughter, Pauline, wife of D. C. Engle, of Albany, and a son, Halbert Lockhart, of Albany. Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Albany and Mr. Lockhart is a member of the board of trustees of this congregation and treasurer of the church.

EDWARD T. MILLIGAN, secretary-treasurer of the Muncie Stone and Lime Company and a resident of Muncie for nearly twenty years, was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Jay on July 4, 1875, and is a son of Homer and Hattie Milligan, both of whom were born in that same county, members of pioneer families in this section of the state. Homer Milligan followed farming all his active life. He died in 1889. Reared on the home farm in Jay county, Edward T. Milligan completed his schooling in the old normal school at Portland, which he attended for three terms, and supplemented this by a course in a business college at Muncie in 1898. For some time thereafter he was engaged working at Columbus, Ohio, and then became connected with the Portland Stone Company, making his home at Portland, Ind., until in 1908, when he and his brothers came to Muncie and bought the old Hamilton stone quarries and the Mauck quarries and began to operate the same. In the following year (1909), for purposes of further development, the Milligan brothers organized the Muncie Stone and Lime Company and the business since has been carried on under that name. Edward T. Milligan has been secretary-treasurer of this company since its organization. The other officers of the company are Charles F. Headington, president; J. B. Milligan, vice-president, and Orla B. Milligan, superintendent. In 1922 The Muncie Stone and Lime Company abandoned its old quarries and leased a tract of eleven acres along the Cornbread road, where it established a thoroughly modern and up-to-date quarry plant, with a stone crusher having a capacity of 600

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tons a day, six times the capacity of its former crusher. The land taken over by this company is underlaid with an apparently inexhaustible deposit of limestone of a fine quality for concrete and for street and highway construction, and the products of the company are in high demand hereabout. Edward T. Milligan married Martha C. Colvin, daughter of Ephraim and Hannah B. Colvin, and he and his wife reside at 205 West Twelfth street. Mr. Milligan is a Republican and a member of the Optimist Club of Muncie. He also is affiliated with the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose, and has been "through the chairs" of the latter lodge.

ULYSSES GRANT POLAND, M. D., former coroner of Delaware county, present health officer for the city of Muncie, former president of the Eighth District (Indiana) Medical Association, of the Delaware County Medical Society and of the Muncie Academy of Medicine and present secretary of the latter, and a former vice-president of the Indiana State Medical Society, a practicing physician at Muncie for more than a quarter of a century, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the county's pioneer families, and has resided here all his life. Doctor Poland was born in the historic old settlement of Sharon, along the Mississinewa, in Delaware township, June 2, 1865, and is a son of Nicholas and Martha Jane (Dickover) Poland, the latter of whom also was born in this county, December 28, 1839, daughter of Jacob Dickover, a soldier of the War of 1812 and one of the best known of the pioneers of the eastern part of Delaware county. Jacob Dickover was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Henry Dickover, who had been sent to America as a member of one of the detachments of Hessian soldiers employed by the British against the American colonists during the time of the Revolutionary war. Not long after his arrival here he became impressed with the justice of the colonists' cause and left the mercenary army to which he was attached and threw in his lot with that of the Continental army, with which, under General Washington, he fought until the end of the war. He had been trained as a stonemason and in his trade capacity was detailed to help erect the fort at Trenton. After the war he settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he married and reared a considerable family. One of his sons, Jacob Dickover, served as a soldier of the War of 1812, afterward became a resident of Ohio and then, about 1832, four or five years after the erection of Delaware county, came over here into Indiana and after a brief residence in Wayne

county came up here into Delaware county and settled in the creek bottom lands in Liberty township, about a mile north of where the town of Selma later was established, and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on March 23, 1876, he then being past ninety years of age. His wife (Hannah Baney) died on April 14, 1877, she then being past sixty-seven years of age. They had eight children, one son and seven daughters. The son, Samuel Dickover, served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil war, a member of Company K of the 19th Indiana infantry. The pioneer Jacob Dickover was a brickmason and some of the old buildings in the eastern part of the county still stand as monuments to the excellence of his handicraftsmanship. It is said of him that not long after his arrival here he was employed to erect a building for distillery purposes, and that after the building was up and in active use his conscience troubled him on the score of the product of the still house, so that thereafter he declined all employment on still houses. Nicholas Poland was born in Harrison county, Ohio, October 14, 1833, a son of William Poland, of French descent, and was but a lad when his parents moved from there to Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared, near the city of Wheeling, W. Va. He was trained in youth as a carpenter and when he attained his majority came over here into Indiana, about 1854, and located in the Sharon settlement in this county, where he became employed at his trade and after his marriage there to Martha Jane Dickover established his home. His wife died on February 24, 1875, and he presently married again and moved onto a farm in Hamilton township, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on January 22, 1902. He was a Democrat, a Freemason and a member of the Christian church. By his union with Martha Jane Dickover, Nicholas Poland was the father of nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity, namely: John Samuel, a farmer, now deceased; William Willard, a former teacher in the schools of Delaware county, now living in Oregon, where he is engaged in ranching; Ulysses Grant, the immediate subject of this biographical review; Mary H., who married Smith Karn, of this county, and whose last days were spent at Hoopston, Ill.; Albert M., formerly engaged in the practice of law at Albany, this county, who in 1910 moved to Houston, Tex., where he recently died; Carrie A., wife of Marion M. Brackin, now living at Robinson, Ill., and Martha J., who married Elwood A. Jacobs and died more than ten years ago. Following the death of the mother of these children Nicholas Poland married Mrs. Rachel (McCormick)

Mansfield, a sister of Matthew McCormick, a county commissioner back in the '80s and '90s, which union was without issue. Ulysses Grant Poland was about ten years of age when his mother died. He grew to manhood on the home farm in Hamilton township, supplemented his local schooling by a two-years course in the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso and then began teaching school, a vocation he followed during the winters for seven years. He also, in 1888, took a term of schooling in the Business College at Delaware, Ohio. Meanwhile he had been giving his serious thought to the study of medicine and during his school vacations these studies were carried on, first under the preceptorship of Dr. A. P. Murray at Albany and then under the preceptorship of Dr. G. R. Green at Muncie, and in the office of the latter he was prepared for college. In 1892 he entered Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis and in March, 1895, was graduated from this institution. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor Poland returned to Muncie, established himself in practice and has ever since been thus engaged, with present offices and residence at 303 East Washington street. Doctor Poland is a Republican. In 1898, three years after entering upon the practice of his profession at Muncie, he was elected coroner of Delaware county and by successive re-elections served for eight years in that office. He is a member of the staff of the Muncie Home Hospital and is the present health officer for the city of Muncie. For many years he has been active in the councils of the medical fraternity and was one of the organizers of the Muncie Academy of Medicine, of which he for some time was president and is the present secretary. He also has served as president and as secretary of the Delaware County Medical Society, for two years was president of the Eighth District Medical Society and is also affiliated with the joint medical society of the counties of Delaware and Blackford, with the Indiana State Medical Society of which he was vice president in 1913, and with the American Medical Association. He is a past chancellor commander of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. During the time of this country's participation in the World war the Doctor rendered service as a member of the Medical Corps of the National Council of Defense. In 1896 Dr. U. G. Poland was united in marriage to Grace E. McClellan, also a member of one of the old families of this county, daughter of Frederick H. and Mary F. (Jewett) McClellan, the latter of whom was the daughter of Jeremiah Jewett, one of the foremost of the early residents of old Muncietown and concerning whom further reference is made elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Poland formerly

was a teacher in the Muncie schools and her sister, Harriet J. McClellan, has for years been one of the teachers in the city schools. Her brother, Frederick F. McClellan, is Muncie's city attorney. Their father, who had come to this county when five years of age with his parents from Greene county, Ohio, in 1849, died in 1875. Doctor and Mrs. Poland are members of the First Presbyterian church, of which congregation the Doctor for years has been an elder. They have three adopted children, Mary L., William Maxwell and Rachel Wilhelmina, children of the Doctor's deceased sister, Mrs. Martha J. Jacobs.

JACOB F. KISER, head of the old-established J. F. Kiser Company, jewelers, and founder of the Kiser Plating Company, corner of East Howard and Elm streets, Muncie, has been a resident of Muncie for nearly thirty years, and during that time has built up a business in the jewelry line that has given him high standing in commercial and trade circles. Mr. Kiser was born at Fostoria, Ohio, May 12, 1861, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Foughty) Kiser, the latter of whom spent her last days in Muncie, her death occurring in that city on March 13, 1903. The senior Jacob Kiser was born in Pennsylvania and was but a child when his parents moved with their family to the Fostoria neighborhood in Ohio. He died in 1863, leaving his widow with six children, of whom the subject of this sketch, then two years of age, was the last born. The widow kept the family together and Jacob F. Kiser received his schooling at Fostoria, graduating from the high school there. As a young man he for some time worked as a bricklayer and then became engaged in electroplating at Fostoria. As he began to see his way to success in this line he added jewelry to his stock and was thus engaged in business at Fostoria until in 1897, when he disposed of his interests there and moved to Muncie, where he set up an electroplating establishment at Hoyt avenue and Liberty streets. Four years later, in 1901, he found it necessary to engage larger quarters and he bought the building at the corner of Howard and Elm streets, where he ever since has been engaged in business. There he presently branched out into a general jewelry business and carried on under the firm style of the Muncie Jewelry and Plating Company, which in 1915 was changed to the J. F. Kiser Company. In 1920 Mr. Kiser disposed of his interest in the plating works, which still carries on as the Kiser Plating Company, and has since devoted his attention wholly to his admirably stocked jewelry store. Mr. Kiser is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. He is a

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Scottish Rite Mason and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as well as being an active member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the locally influential Exchange Club. In 1881 Jacob F. Kiser was united in marriage to Amanda Baymen, who was born near Fostoria, Ohio, daughter of Henry and Caroline (Rocky) Baymen, and to this union one child was born, a son, Frank Kiser, secretary-treasurer of the J. F. Kiser Company and of the Kiser Plating Company, and concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work.

THOMAS J. FREEMAN, one of the veteran farmers of Delaware county and a substantial landowner of Hamilton township, residing on the Moore road, rural mail route No. 4 out of Muncie, was born in a log cabin on the farm on which he is now living and has lived on that place all his life, a period of more than sixty-five years. Mr. Freeman was born on November 14, 1858, and is a son of John and Mary (Wier) Freeman, the latter of whom was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, and was but six years of age when she came to this county with her parents, Thomas and Mary Wier, natives of Pennsylvania, in 1836, the Wiers settling in Center township. John Freeman was born in Adams county, Ohio, January 26, 1825, and was but ten years of age when he came to Delaware county with his parents, Isaac and Jemima (Moore) Freeman, in 1835, the family settling on a quarter of a section of land which Isaac Freeman entered from the government in section 30 of Hamilton township and a part of which land is now in the farm of Thomas J. Freeman, title thus ever having been kept in the family. Isaac Freeman opened up a farm there and died in 1864, at the age of sixty-one years. His widow survived him until in 1871 and was seventy years of age at the time of her death. Of their eight children John Freeman was the second in order of birth. He helped his father open the farm and following his marriage in 1849 his father gave him an uncleared tract of fifty-five acres, a part of his original holding, and on that place he put up a log house for a dwelling and started in to make a farm of his own. There he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1910, he then being eighty-five years of age. His wife had preceded him to the grave, her death having occurred in 1905, she then being seventy-five years of age. They were the parents of three children, the first born of which, a son, James B., died when eleven months old and the other two of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mrs. Pauline Storer, of Muncie. Reared

on the home farm, which he helped his father to improve and develop and which long has been in a high state of improvement and cultivation, Thomas J. Freeman received his schooling in the local schools and after his marriage at the age of twenty-four continued to make his home on the home place and carried on his farming operations there. Upon the death of his father he inherited about thirty acres of the home place, including the dwelling site, and has since lived there. Mr. Freeman has a well improved farm of near 100 acres. He and his wife are Democrats and are members of the Friends church at Muncie, their home being about three miles northwest of the city. It was in 1882 that Thomas J. Freeman was united in marriage to Birdella McColm, of Harrison township, and to this union two children were born, Oran and Ernest, the former of whom died in 1912. Ernest Freeman married Grace Thornburg and has a son, Vernon Oran Freeman. Mrs. Birdella Freeman was born in Scioto county, Ohio, and was but a small child when she came to this county with her parents, Henry A. and Harriet (Burress) McColm, in 1868, the family settling on a farm of 240 acres two miles south of New Corner (Gaston) in Harrison township, where she grew to womanhood and was married. Both Henry A. McColm and his wife were born in Scioto county, Ohio, members of pioneer families in that county. The land upon which they made their home upon coming to Delaware county had been entered by Mrs. McColm's father, Matthew Burress, in 1836, in section 10 of Harrison township.

CHARLES O. GRAFTON, secretary-treasurer of the Gill Clay Pot Company, of Muncie, manufacturers of glass melting pots and tank blocks of high grade refractory, and president of the Muncie Clay Products Company, manufacturers of crucibles and art pottery, is identified with the commercial and industrial activities of the town. He is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Muncie for nearly thirty years, during which time he has been continuously connected with the Gill interests. Mr. Grafton was born at Bellaire, Ohio, July 12, 1877, and had his schooling in the grade schools there. In 1920, on the organization of the Muncie Clay Products Company, a subsidiary concern for the manufacture of crucibles and art pottery, Mr. Grafton was elected president of this company. Mr. Grafton is past president of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, also past president of the Muncie Rotary Club, past commander of the local commandery of the Knights Templar and president of the Scottish Rite Club. He is also past exalted ruler of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Charles

O. Grafton married Edna Boyce, daughter of James Boyce, who in his generation was for years one of the leading citizens of Muncie, as is set out at length elsewhere in this work, and to this union two daughters were born, Margaret and Nancy, the former of whom was graduated from the Muncie high school with the class of 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Grafton are members of the First Universalist church and reside at 829 East Main street.

JOSEPH W. LESLIE, a substantial farmer and landowner of Hamilton township, residing on the Moore road, rural mail route No. 4 out of Muncie, was born at Winchester, in the neighboring county of Randolph, July 26, 1879, and is a son of Amos and Martha (Wood) Leslie, both members of pioneer families in that county. Amos Leslie was born in Randolph county, a son of David Leslie and wife, who were the parents of thirteen children, eleven of whom grew to maturity. He worked with his father on the latter's farm in the Winchester neighborhood until his father's death in 1889, when he inherited the home place and continued farming there, coming to be the owner at one time of 320 acres of land. Of the four children born to Amos Leslie and wife two are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, David Leslie. Reared on the home farm, Joseph W. Leslie finished his schooling in the Winchester schools and was graduated from the high school there. For awhile thereafter he was employed in the electric light plant at Winchester and then in 1898 transferred his connection to the electric light plant at Muncie and four years later was married here. He continued working in the Muncie electric light plant until in 1904, when he moved to Spokane, Wash., where he remained for two years, at the end of which time he returned to Muncie and resumed his connection with the operations of the electric light company. Three years later, in 1909, Mr. Leslie bought the farm of seventy-two acres on which he is now living in Hamilton township and has since made his home there, engaged in general farming. It was on September 4, 1902, that Joseph W. Leslie was united in marriage to Ernestine Brooks and to that union four children have been born, George David, Fred Wilson, Mary Louise and Stanley Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie are Republicans and are members of the Universalist church at Muncie. Mr. Leslie is a Freemason and has attained to both the cryptic and capitular degrees in that ancient order. He is an active member of the Delaware County Farm Bureau. Mrs. Leslie was born on the place on which she is now living and in 1900 was graduated from the Muncie normal school. She is the daughter and only child of George W. and

Naomi (Moore) Brooks, the latter of whom, a daughter of Aaron and Mary (Truitt) Moore, who had settled in Hamilton township in 1843, died in 1884 when her daughter was little more than a babe in arms. The late George W. Brooks was a native of New Jersey, born in Cumberland county, that state, in 1850 a son of Lewis W. and Rachel (Wilson) Brooks, the former of whom was born in England and was but a child when in 1828 he came to this country with his parents. Bereft of his mother when he was six years of age, George W. Brooks was reared in the household of a maternal uncle in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and grew up as a farmer and miller. In 1873 he became a resident of Delaware county and after his marriage to Naomi Moore established his home on the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Leslie now live. In the year following the death of his wife in 1884 he disposed of his interests there and moved to Muncie, where he established himself in the creamery business in Kilgore avenue and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on April 6, 1919.

CHARLES C. LEITSHUH, proprietor of the French Steam Dye Works at Muncie, is a European by birth, but has been a resident of this country since the days of his boyhood and of Muncie for nearly a quarter of a century. Mr. Leitshuh was born in the then Kingdom of Bavaria on October 1, 1867, and is a son of Anthony and Tillie (Geisendorfer) Leitshuh, both also native Bavarians, who came to this country with their family in 1881 and presently became located at Springfield, Ohio, where they established their home. Anthony Leitshuh was a miller in his native Bavaria, a vocation which had been followed in his family for generations, but during the '70s he was elevated to the civil service and was made an inspector in the Bavarian postoffice department. Upon coming to America he for a time was variously employed and then he became engaged in the retail meat business at Springfield, a vocation he followed the rest of his life. He died in a hospital at Dayton on August 6, 1891. Charles C. Leitshuh was thirteen years of age when he came to this country with his parents in 1881 and he retains vivid recollections of the impressions created in his youthful mind when the family landed at Baltimore. He had received good elementary schooling in his native Bavaria and when the family located at Springfield he entered night school with a view to bettering his English, and later took a course in a business college there. It was necessary for him to go to work without much delay in order to help in the family support, and his first employment in this country was in the plant of the St. John Sewing Machine Company at Springfield. In the spring of 1885, he

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then being seventeen years of age, he became employed in a dye establishment at Springfield, and ever since he has been connected with the dyeing industry, a period of nearly forty years, so that he very properly may be regarded as one of the veterans in this line. Ten years later he married at Springfield, Ohio. In the meantime he had been extending his knowledge of the dyeing industry by working in various cities throughout the middle West, and after his marriage he kept on working at Springfield until in 1900, when he moved to Muncie and became employed in what then was known as the Union Steam Dye Works, in East Main street, where his French Steam Dye Works now is located. In April, 1905, Mr. Leitshuh bought the W. N. Woodward dye house at 208-210 North Walnut street, then known as the Woodward Steam Dye Works, and presently changed the name of this plant to the French Steam Dye Works and carried on business there until fourteen months later the plant was destroyed by fire. He then bought new equipment and started up another dye house at 417 East Main street, resuming there his business of dyeing and cleaning. In the winter of 1908 Mr. Leitshuh bought the plant of the Butler Steam Dye Works at 415 East Main street and united it with his plant, thus giving him double capacity. The business continued to increase and in the spring of 1910 he was compelled to take over the adjoining room at 419 and put in new machinery, thus modernizing his plant. In 1913, again responding to the demands of his growing business, Mr. Leitshuh bought the entire block including Nos. 415-425 East Main street, and added the room at 421 to his plant. In 1919 he added the room at 423 and erected a new dry cleaning establishment on the premises at the rear of the plant, and is now considering plans for the further extension of the facilities of this plant to meet the growing demands made upon it. Mr. Leitshuh is a member of the National Association of Dyers and Cleaners, is affiliated with the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and the local Kiwanis Club, and is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Elks, the Moose, the Eagles, the Red Men and the Maccabees. He is a Republican and he and his family are members of St. Lawrence's Catholic church. It was on June 4, 1895, at Springfield, Ohio, that Charles C. Leitshuh was united in marriage to Theresa Myers, who was born at Baden, in Germany, and who had come to this country with her parents in 1881. Of the nine children born to this union, seven are still living, these being Frank A., Rose D., Helen K., George J., Raymond William, Adaline Louise and Charles Edward. The Leitshuhs reside at 821 East Charles street.

DR. WILL C. MOORE, a veteran of the World war with an officer's commission and an overseas record and an established surgeon at Muncie, a member of the executive and surgical staff of the Muncie Home Hospital, is a native son of Indiana and has lived in this state practically all his life, a resident of Muncie since his return from army service in the summer of 1919. Doctor Moore was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Summitville in the neighboring county of Madison, January 23, 1889, and is a son of T. M. and Claudia Moore, both of whom also were born in Indiana, who now are living at Summitville. Reared at Summitville, Will C. Moore received his grade schooling there and then entered the high school at Anderson, from which he was graduated in 1904. He then entered Indiana University and in 1908 was graduated from that institution, his studies there having been carried on with particular reference to later entrance on the medical school of the university and in due time he was matriculated at the Indiana University School of Medicine at Indianapolis, from which he was graduated in 1914. After a couple of years of practical experience in interne work in the City Hospital and in the Eastman Hospital at Indianapolis, Doctor Moore went West with a view to locating for practice and for a year was thus located at Ely, Nev. He then, in 1917, took a trip to Europe for post-graduate work and clinical observation in surgery in the great war hospitals that after two years and more of appalling warfare had created a new standard in surgery, and was at Vienna when this country took a hand in the World war. As a student civilian of an enemy country Doctor Moore was evacuated from the Austrian capital and then hurried home to offer his services to the Medical Corps of the newly created national army. He reported to Ft. Oglethorp, where he was given a commission as a lieutenant in the Medical Corps and in May, 1918, was sent overseas and detailed for service in Evacuation Hospital 14, with which unit he continued in service until the close of the war, thus participating in service in the decisive campaign about St. Mihiel and in the Argonne, and then went on to the Rhine with the Army of Occupation, with station at Coblenz (where he was promoted to a captaincy), where he remained until ordered home in the latter part of May, and on June 4, 1919, he received his honorable discharge, the war then being over. Upon the completion of his military service Doctor Moore returned to Indiana and located at Muncie, where he since has been engaged in practice, making a specialty of surgery. In 1922 the Doctor received his F. A. C. S. from the American College of Surgeons. He is a member of the American

Medical Association, of the Indiana State Medical Society and of the Muncie Academy of Medicine and is affiliated with the college fraternities Phi Rho Sigma (medical) and Sigma Chi (literary). He is a member of the executive and surgical staff of the Muncie Home Hospital and it is believed that it will not be regarded as improper to say that he has taken high rank among the surgeons of eastern Indiana during the brief period of his practice at Muncie. The Doctor is a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In 1917 Dr. Will C. Moore was united in marriage to Edith Pfaffenberger, daughter of T. F. and Amelia Pfaffenberger, of Indianapolis, and to this union two children have been born, a son, Thomas, and a daughter, Nancy. Doctor Moore and his family reside at 1007 University avenue. The Doctor has his office at 105 Western Reserve Life building.

BERT A. RUSSELL, president of the Albany school board and cashier of the Albany State Bank of Albany, formerly and for years a teacher in the schools of Delaware county and for twenty years connected with the banking interests of this county, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Delaware county since the days of his young manhood. Mr. Russell was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Grant on October 31, 1874, and was reared in that county. He supplemented his common schooling by attendance at the normal school at Marion and the Central Indiana Normal School at Danville and early began teaching school in Delaware county, a profession he followed during the winters for fourteen years. During this period, in 1905, Mr. Russell assisted in organizing the Eaton State Bank of Eaton and continued his connection with that institution until in 1911, when he was elected cashier of the Albany State Bank of Albany and has since occupied that position, making his home at Albany. Mr. Russell is a Republican. His long term of service as a teacher in the schools of this county gave him an interest in the schools which has been a continuing one and he has long rendered further service in this behalf as a member of the Albany school board and is the present president of that board. He is an active Freemason, past worshipful master of Anthony lodge, No. 171, F. and A. M., at Albany, and is also a member of Muncie lodge, No. 74, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Muncie. In 1907 Bert A. Russell was united in marriage to Lola E. Felts, of Eaton, and to this union three children have been born, sons all, Norman, James and Fred Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Albany and Mr. Russell is the present president of the board of trustees of that congregation.

GOTLIP C. KUHNER, president of the Muncie Cold Storage and Ice Company and of the Farmers National Stock Yards Company of Muncie, and vice-president of the Kuhner Packing Company of Muncie, a man to whose enterprise Muncie owes one of its valuable industries, has been a resident of that city for nearly twenty-five years. He is primarily a farmer and producer, but for many years has also been in the varied lines of meat packing and handling. He first engaged in meat killing on his farm on a small scale, and gradually has developed his facilities until now it represents a large investment and an important local industry. Mr. Kuhner was born on a farm in Scioto county, Ohio, July 29, 1858, and is a son of Gottlieb C. and Sophia Kuhner, the former of whom was of European birth. Gottlieb C. Kuhner came to this country as a young man in 1847, and at Pittsburgh, Pa., not long after his arrival here, enlisted as a soldier for service in the war with Mexico which then was in progress. After the war he located at Portsmouth, Ohio, and after his marriage there bought a farm of 120 acres not far from Portsmouth, in Scioto county, and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1865, his widow being left the care of five children. The junior Gotlip C. Kuhner was but seven years of age when his father died, and he thus early was thrown pretty largely on his own resources for a livelihood. He remained at home working on the farm in behalf of his widowed mother and going to school until he was seventeen years of age, when he began working for others as a farm hand "on his own." He also worked for a while as a railway section hand. He married at the age of twenty-one, and not long afterward bought a small tract of land in Blume township, in Scioto county, and set up there a small slaughter house, butchering for the local market and peddling his meat throughout the neighborhood in a small wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen. For ten years he maintained this business, operating from his farm, and then he moved to Portsmouth and opened a small packing house. For three years he operated this plant and then sold out to advantage and came to Indiana, locating at Greentown, in Howard county, where he opened a local meat market. In the meantime his sons, who had learned the details of the meat trade with him, had become interested in the possibilities of this trade at Muncie, and a year or two after coming to Indiana he moved to Muncie and, in association with his sons, started in the retail meat line in a shop at the corner of Main and Elm streets, which was the beginning of the Kuhner interests in Muncie. In 1904 Mr. Kuhner and his sons started in the packing business, and with the facilities

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thus afforded established a chain of retail shops, gradually increasing the same until they eventually had nine such shops, handling groceries and meat. In 1913 they sold all but one of these local shops, and in 1921 retired entirely from the local retail field and since then have devoted their energies to the packing business, which meanwhile had grown to meet the demands brought about by changing methods of distribution in the meat trade. Up to 1911 Mr. Kuhner had been operating his industry under the name of Kuhner & Company, and in that year reorganized as the Kuhner Packing Company. In 1919, when the packing house refrigerating plant was modernized and enlarged, he organized the Muncie Cold Storage and Ice Company, of which he is the president. In order further to add to the facilities of the industry in February, 1923, Mr. Kuhner promoted the organization of the Farmers National Stock Yards Company of Muncie and was elected president of the same. When the Kuhner packing house was established in Muncie the plant had a capacity equal to the handling of about twenty-five hogs and ten or fifteen cattle a week. As the demand on its products increased this capacity gradually has been enlarged until now the plant handles no fewer than 1,000 hogs and 100 cattle a week. The cold storage capacity of the plant is equal to more than eighty car loads of fruit, and the ice plant turns out no less than forty tons of ice a day. The stock yards company operates on a tract of sixty acres in the vicinity of the packing house just north of town. Henry C. Kuhner, one of Mr. Kuhner's sons and president of the Kuhner Packing Company, is the vice-president of this latter company, of which his father is the president. Gotlip C. Kuhner has been twice married. On January 15, 1880, in Scioto county, Ohio, he married Mary Prior, who died in 1898, leaving three children, namely: Henry C., born on October 16, 1880; Ella S., August 2, 1882, and Frank, January 5, 1885. In 1913 Mr. Kuhner married Mrs. Mary (Meyers) Obrieght. Henry C. Kuhner, mentioned above, and of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work, married Grace Goodwine and has two children, Mary Ellen and Robert Henry. Ella S. Kuhner, who is secretary of the Kuhner Packing Company, secretary-treasurer of the Muncie Cold Storage Company and secretary of the Farmers National Stock Yards Company, married Paul Klefeker. Frank Kuhner, who is treasurer of the Kuhner Packing Company, married Ethel Jones. He also is assistant secretary-treasurer of the Muncie Cold Storage Company and of the Farmers National Stock Yards Company. The Kuhners are Republicans. Gotlip C. Kuhner is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias fraternity.

LEONARD V. QUIRK, a veteran of the World war and a merchant at Shideler, member of the firm of Quirk & Ratliff, proprietors of a general store there, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. Mr. Quirk was born in the village of Cowan on April 1, 1891, and is a son of Patrick and Rachel (Peckinpaugh) Quirk, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Henry, a daughter of Felix and Sarah Peckinpaugh. Patrick Quirk, foreman of the Shideler section of the Lake Erie & Western railroad and resident of Shideler for the past thirty years, is a native of Ireland and was but seven years of age when he came to this country with his parents, Edward Quirk and wife, the family presently becoming residents of Delaware county. Edward Quirk came here with the building of the railroad and upon its completion was made foreman of the Cowan section, making his home in Cowan. He later bought a farm of fifty acres in that neighborhood, but not long afterward gave up farming and became engaged in the grocery business at Cowan, a business which he continued until his retirement about 1914 and removal to Muncie, where he is now living at the corner of Walnut and Ninth streets. Patrick Quirk grew up at Cowan, where he received his schooling, and as a young man became engaged in railroad work. He was made foreman of a section and in 1894 was given charge of the Shideler section of the road and has ever since resided there, now the oldest man in point of continuous service with the Lake Erie & Western road in this county. To him and his wife were born fourteen children. Their third son, William Oleara Quirk, gave his life in the World war while fighting with the American troops in the Argonne Forest in France, as is set out elsewhere in this work, his name being included in the "Gold Star" roster of Delaware county men who laid down their lives in service during the time of that war. The other members of this family, besides the subject of this sketch (the second in order of birth), are Lacie, Denzil, Pearl, Creal, Elsie (deceased), Welba, Forest (deceased), Edward, Thurl, Woodrow, Madona (deceased), and Donald (deceased). Leonard V. Quirk was but a child when his parents moved from Cowan to Shideler and his schooling was completed in the schools of the latter place and at Eaton. He was graduated from the Eaton high school in 1910 and then began working out of Muncie as a telegraph lineman for the Western Union Telegraph Company. Not long afterward he became a brakeman on the Lake Erie & Western railroad and was thus engaged when in the spring of 1917 this country took a hand in the World war. On April 26 of that year he entered the service of the American army

and was stationed at Ft. Oglethorp, Georgia, continuing in service until his final discharge on January 14, 1919, the war then being over. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Quirk returned home and became employed in the plant of the General Motors Corporation at Muncie. He continued thus employed until in June, 1921, when he returned to Shideler and became engaged in the mercantile business there in partnership with Otto Ratliff, opening a general store, and has since been thus engaged, doing business under the firm name of Quirk & Ratliff, and is doing well. Mr. Quirk is a member of the Red Men's lodge (No. 241) at Royerton and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Shideler. On September 23, 1918, Leonard V. Quirk was united in marriage to Della Gehring. Mrs. Quirk was born in the village of Vera Cruz in Wells county, this state, and is a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Hiselman) Gehring, both members of old families in that county and who were the parents of three daughters, Mrs. Quirk having two sisters, Emma and Cora.

DUDLEY ENGLE, postmaster at Albany and a veteran of the World war with an overseas record, was born at Watova, Okla., January 11, 1894, and is a son of Price and Esther (Patten) Engle, the latter of whom was born in Wisconsin but was reared in Iowa, to which state her parents moved when she was a child. Price Engle was born in Randolph county, Indiana, but much of his life was spent in Western states. During the time of his residence in Oklahoma he was overseer of a ranch. In 1901 he returned to his old home in Randolph county and five years later, in 1906, came into possession of a grain elevator at Albany and established his home there, spending the rest of his life there, his death occurring on November 2, 1920. He and his wife were the parents of ten children. Dudley Engle was twelve years of age when his parents established their home at Albany and his schooling was completed in the Albany schools, graduating from the high school there in 1912. He then became an assistant to his father in the grain elevator and was thus engaged for a couple of years, or until in 1914, when he entered the railway mail service and was thus engaged when this country took a hand in the World war in 1917. On September 4, 1917, Mr. Engle enlisted for army service and was attached to Company A of the 334th regiment, 84th Division, at Camp Taylor (Kentucky). On the following December 10 he was transferred to the 1st Motor Mechanics Air Service at Camp Hancock (Georgia), from which he presently was transferred to Camp Merritt (New Jersey) for embarkation and on February 8, 1918, sailed with his command for France. Upon arrival on

the other side Mr. Engle was attached to the French Air Service and was thus attached until some time after the close of the war, or until January 1, 1919, when he was transferred back to the American army for demobilization and on June 18 following arrived at the home port, whence he was sent to Camp Sherman (Chillicothe, Ohio), where he received his honorable discharge on July 1, 1919. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Engle returned home and became employed in the plant of the Warner Gear Works at Muncie. Not long afterward he went to Kentucky and was there employed in the oil fields for a year, at the end of which time he returned to Muncie, resumed his connection with the Warner Gear Works and was thus employed when on January 30, 1922, he received his commission as postmaster at Albany and since that time has been serving in this responsible public capacity. On May 20, 1922, Dudley Engle was united in marriage to Pauline Lockhart, who was born at Albany, daughter of Arthur and Ivy Lockhart. Mr. and Mrs. Engle are Republicans and Mr. Engle is a member of Anthony lodge, No. 171, Free and Accepted Masons, at Albany.

EDMOND J. FEENY, founder of the Feeny Manufacturing Company of Muncie, who died at his home in that city in the spring of 1922, was born at Ottawa, Ill., and was a son of E. J. and Sophia Feeny, the former of whom was a manufacturer of boots and shoes at that place. Reared at Ottawa, Mr. Feeny received a college education and early became interested in manufacturing. He was possessed of an inventive turn of mind and it was not long until he began to turn his attention to the improvement of certain forms of mechanical appliances with reference to practical manufacturing. Working along this line he perfected a number of devices which he applied to the improvement of various articles of manufacture, including oil pumps, cotton dusters, vacuum cleaners, handy reels, cooling systems and the like, and in 1910 established at Muncie a manufacturing plant for the manufacture of these articles of common commerce, doing business under the name of the Feeny Manufacturing Company, of which he was the head and general manager, and it was not long until the Feeny products had created a market which insured the permanency of the establishment which he erected at Washington and Ohio streets, and which has grown into one of the considerable manufacturing plants of the city of Muncie. In 1919 this company discontinued the manufacture of the special products above mentioned and since then has devoted the facilities of its plant to the manufacture of the widely popular Feeny dusters, which have come

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to be regarded as the approved dusters for boll weevil and other insect control. The Feeny dusters, designed for the use of insecticides in the protection of plant life, either in the cotton field or the garden, have a large distribution throughout the South and are known wherever cotton dusting is known. For garden and orchard use and for inside use in a fight against flies, bugs and vermin, these dusters also have attained a wide popularity and have thus done much to extend the name and fame of Muncie as a manufacturing city. Mr. Feeny died on April 4, 1922, and was succeeded in the general management of the plant by his nephew, Emmet J. Feeny, Jr., and his associate, Fred M. Johnson, who are among the stockholders of the Feeny Manufacturing Company and who are successfully carrying on the business. Emmet J. Feeny, Jr., also was born at Ottawa, Ill., and is a son of Emmet J. and Mabel (Kaush) Feeny, the former of whom was a brother of the late Edmond J. Feeny. He has for years been identified with the affairs and operations of the Feeny Manufacturing Company, of which he now is the general manager, and has created for himself a definite place in the industrial life of Muncie. Mr. Feeny married Mary Zeke, of Muncie.

CHRISTIAN F. HECKENHAUER, veteran carriage manufacturer at Muncie, now engaged in the construction of body work for automobiles and doing business under the firm name of C. Heckenhauer & Son, has been a resident of Muncie for many years and has thus had his share in the development of the city from the days back before the gas "boom" started a new era here. Mr. Heckenhauer is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Muncie since the days of his young manhood. He was born at Bucyrus, Ohio, in 1853, and is a son of Christopher and Barbara Heckenhauer, Wurtembergers, who upon coming to this country located at Gallion, Ohio, but later moved to Bucyrus, where they established their home. Christopher Heckenhauer was a weaver. He and his wife had three children two of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mrs. Caroline Fredericka McKinley. Another son, Jacob Heckenhauer, died at the age of twenty-one years. Reared at Bucyrus, Christian F. Heckenhauer received his schooling in the schools of that city and early began "doing for himself." At the age of eleven years he began working in the Bucyrus woolen mills and was there employed until he was able to start out in the world "on his own," when he came over into Indiana and began working in the mills at Ft. Wayne. He remained at Ft. Wayne until 1884, when he came to Muncie and began to work as a blacksmith, with particular reference to carriage

blacksmithing. For three years he was thus employed and then he bought the old G. W. Bower carriage shop at the site on Main street now occupied by the club house of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and became engaged in business there on his own account, manufacturing carriages and buggies. Mr. Heckenhauer did well at that old stand, the products of his factory attaining a high reputation throughout this trade area, so that the Heckenhauer carriages and buggies came to be widely known on account of their substantial character. In 1897 Mr. Heckenhauer acquired the property where he is now engaged in business, at 301 North High street, and enlarged the capacity of his factory. He continued there the manufacture of carriages and buggies until the coming of the automobile put the old line out of business and he since has turned the facilities of his factory to the new line, manufacturing automobile bodies, renewing tops and the like, and has a large business. His son, Ralph Heckenhauer, is associated with him in the business, which is carried on under the firm name of C. Heckenhauer & Son. Ralph Heckenhauer married Mae Castor and has one child, a son, Fred. Christian F. Heckenhauer has been twice married. His first wife, Mary Foster, died leaving him two children, Ralph and Florence. By his second wife, Louise K. Roeser, he has three children, two daughters, Elna L. and Gertrude, and a son, Carl Heckenhauer, the latter of whom married Susan Dickey and has two children, Jane and Ann. Elna L. Heckenhauer married George Nelson and has one child, Shirley. Gertrude Heckenhauer married C. A. Rowlette and has one child, Kay. The Heckenhauers reside at 214 West Gilbert street. Mr. Heckenhauer is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

MERRILL H. PICKELL, vice president of the Delaware County Farm Bureau and a substantial farmer and landowner of Hamilton township, residing on the Wheeling pike, rural mail route No. 1, out of Muncie, was born at Logansport, Ind., July 14, 1874, and is a son of S. L. and Josephine A. (Forgy) Pickell, the latter of whom was born at New Carlisle, in Clark county, Ohio. S. L. Pickell, a veteran of the Civil war, was born at Ottumwa, Iowa, and was a son of Rufus Pickell, a Tennessean, who was one of the pioneers of Iowa. When the Civil war came on S. L. Pickell enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and started out with the 4th Iowa Cavalry, but not long afterward was given a hospital discharge on account of ill health. He later returned to the service of the army, was commissioned a first lieutenant, attached to the 45th regiment, Iowa

Volunteer Infantry, and with that command served until the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Pickell returned to Ottumwa and was there engaged in clerical work, carrying on an insurance business and also having connection with county office work. It was there he met and married Josephine A. Forgy, who was visiting friends at Ottumwa. In the early '70s he moved to Indiana and presently located at Logansport, where he followed clerical work and where his last days were spent. To him and his wife were born eight children, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Grace, and a brother, Rolla Pickell. Reared at Logansport, Merrill H. Pickell received his schooling in the schools of that city and then entered upon an apprenticeship in the Pennsylvania railway shops in that city, becoming a practical railway mechanic. He was thus engaged until in 1892, when he became engaged in work in the Ohio and Indiana oil fields, as a driller. When the Klondike gold "fever" was at its height about 1897 Mr. Pickell left the oil fields and went to Alaska with a party of adventurous friends. He had some interesting adventures there and got some gold, though not enough to make him a millionaire, and presently returned to civilization and resumed his labors in the oil field. In 1901 while working in the oil field hereabout he became attracted to the agricultural possibilities of this county and bought a "forty" two miles north of Muncie. In the next year he married and established his home on that place, remaining there until in 1919, when he disposed of that farm and bought his present place of eighty acres on the Wheeling pike, where he since has resided and where he has a well improved place, his attention being devoted to general farming and dairying. Mr. Pickell has long been interested in farm bureau work, is the vice-president of the local county farm federation and is widely known throughout the county as a lecturer in that behalf. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, affiliated with the local lodge of that order at Logansport (No. 66), and his wife is a member of the Friends church at Muncie. It was on December 13, 1902, that Merrill H. Pickell was united in marriage to Orpha E. Turner, of this county, and he and his wife have two children, sons both, John C. and Claude E. Pickell. Mrs. Pickell was born on a farm in Monroe township, this county, and is a daughter of George and Rosa (Ogle) Turner, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families there. In 1886 George Turner established his home on a farm of sixty acres in Hamilton township and has since resided there, in the meantime having in-

creased his land holdings until now he is the owner of a fine farm of 200 acres. To him and his wife were born four children, Mrs. Pickell having a sister, Emma, and two brothers, Arthur and Robert Turner.

DR. ELI B. MANN, physician and surgeon at Muncie, with offices in the Wysor block, is a native of Kentucky, born on a farm in the vicinity of Crittenden, in Grant county, that state, March 27, 1855, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Mileham) Mann both of whom also were born in Kentucky, members of pioneer families there, and who spent their last days there, James Mann living to be eighty-five years of age and his wife, eighty-four. They had a large family, and nine of their children grew to maturity, the Doctor being next to the youngest. Due to consequences arising out of the Civil war Doctor Mann continued his work on the farm as well as making all possible efforts to obtain an education. He kept at his school work, however, and at the age of twenty-one was graduated from the Crittenden Academy. For three years thereafter he was engaged in teaching school in his home neighborhood, meanwhile taking preliminary studies in medicine. With the money earned while teaching scchool he matriculated at the old Louisville Medical College (later merged into the University of Louisville) from which he was graduated in 1882, receiving one of the class gold medals for general proficiency. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor Mann came up into Indiana and opened an office for the practice of his profession at Oldenburg, in Franklin county. For about eleven years the Doctor continued his practice at Oldenburg and then in 1893, following a post-graduate course at Chicago, located at Muncie, where he ever since has been engaged in practice. Upon locating at Muncie, Doctor Mann entered into a partnership with Dr. Isaac N. Trent, now representative in the Legislature from this district, and this partnership continued for three years, at the end of which time by mutual consent it was dissolved and since then Doctor Mann has been practicing alone, with present offices at 304 Wysor block. In 1897 Doctor Mann took a second polyclinic course at Chicago and his service in the community comprehends not only the general practice of medicine but surgery as well. During the time of his practice at Oldenburg he was a member of the Franklin County Medical Society and since taking up his residence in Muncie he has been a member of the Delaware County Medical Society, of which he has served as secretary, and is also a member of the Indiana State Medical Association. The Doctor is likewise affiliated with the historic old Muncie Academy of Medicine,

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which for many years has carried on weekly meetings on Friday evenings, and is a regular attendant on these meetings. He is a member of the staff of the Muncie Home Hospital. Since 1913 he has been a member of the United States pension board for this district and is present president of the same. The Doctor has done well in his material affairs and is the owner of two good farms north of town, one of 160 acres and the other, 135 acres, and takes a good deal of interest in the operation of the same. As was his father, he is a Democrat. In 1882, in Kentucky, Doctor Mann was united in marriage to Mary H. Fletcher, who also was born in that state, a member of one of the old families there, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Caroline, who married L. A. Franklin, of Muncie. Doctor and Mrs. Mann are members of the Presbyterian church and the Doctor is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

GARDNER T. WHITE at the time of his death had been for seventeen years the manager of the Woolworth store at Muncie and thus had made his impress upon the commercial life of that city. Mr. White was born on a farm at Pillow Point, N. Y., in 1862, and was a son of Elbridge and Mary E. (McBryer) White, the latter of whom was a native of Ireland. Elbridge White was a native of England and upon coming to this country located in New York state, where he became a substantial farmer. He and his wife had three children, the subject of this memorial sketch having had two sisters, Letitia and Hazel. Gardner T. White completed his schooling at Ives Seminary, New York, and early became connected with the operations of the S. H. Knox Company, promoters of 5- and 10-cent stores. Mr. White was a cousin of S. H. Knox and F. W. Woolworth, who developed the great Woolworth stores property, and he early became associated with the former as a manager in the development of his commercial enterprises. In 1897 Mr. White became the manager of the Knox store at Muncie, which in time was consolidated with the Woolworth enterprises. He established his home here and here spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on April 28, 1914. In 1896 Gardner T. White was united in marriage to Margaret Shea, daughter of Thomas and Johanna (Wallace) Shea, and to this union were born four children, three daughters, Ethel, Gertrude and Thelma, and a son, Henry White. The eldest daughter, Miss Ethel White, is a teacher in the Muncie public schools. Since the death of her husband Mrs. White has continued to make her home at Muncie and resides at 1344 East Main street.

CHARLES M. RICKERT, trustee of Niles township and a substantial farmer and landowner of that township, was born on a farm in the Pennville neighborhood in the neighboring county of Jay, December 6, 1878, and is a son of Martin and Mary Ann (Rhodehefer) Rickert, the latter of whom was born in the vicinity of Versailles, in Darke county, Ohio, and was twice married. By her first husband (McDowell) she was the mother of one child, a daughter, Ida May. By her union with Martin Rickert she was the mother of two children, the subject of this sketch and one who died in infancy. Martin Rickert was born in Frankfort, Germany, and was about six years of age when he came to this country with his parents, the family proceeding on out into Indiana and settling in Randolph county, where he grew to manhood, later spending some years in the gold fields of California. After his marriage he settled on a farm of eighty acres three miles south of Pennville, in Jay county. Some years later he sold that place and bought an "eighty" in the Albany neighborhood in this county, where he established his home and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1886. Charles M. Rickert was but eight years of age when his father died. His mother kept up the farm and he remained there, aiding in the operation of the farm until he was about twenty years of age, when he began farming on his own account, as a renter. He married shortly after attaining his majority and then began farming on his father-in-law's place, the old Younts farm in Niles township, where he has since resided, he and his wife now owning a well improved farm of 365 acres there, a considerable portion of which came to Mrs. Rickert by inheritance. Mr. Rickert is a Republican and is now serving the public in the capacity of trustee of Niles township, to which office he was elected in 1918. He is a member of Anthony lodge, No. 171, Free and Accepted Masons, at Albany and he and his wife are members of the Delaware Chapel Methodist Episcopal church. It was in 1900 that Charles M. Rickert was united in marriage to Laura Forest Younts, who was born on the place on which she is now living, and to this union four children have been born, Ervin Y., William M., Dorothy L. and Harry L. Rickert. Ervin Y. Rickert married Martha Maitlen, of Albany, and has one child, a daughter, Marie Elaine. Mrs. Laura Rickert is the daughter and only child of George W. and Martha A. (Black) Younts, the latter of whom also was born in Niles township, daughter of William and Ruth (Stafford) Black, pioneers of that township. The late George W. Younts, former trustee of Niles township and in his generation one of the leading farmers

of that township, was born in Miami county, Ohio, in 1850, and was but six years of age when, in 1856, his parents, Eli and Mary (Michael) Younts, natives of North Carolina, left Ohio and came over here into Indiana with their family and settled on a farm in Union township, this county. Eli Younts died at his home in Union township in the spring of 1879. He was one of the California '49ers, having made the trip overland, driving an ox team from St. Joseph, Mo., to Bear Valley, Cal., the trip consuming six months and seventeen days. He returned by way of the Isthmus of Panama and New York city. He and his wife were the parents of nine children. George W. Younts married at the age of twenty-two and for three years thereafter made his home on a farm in Delaware township. He then established his home on a partly cleared "eighty" he had bought in Niles township and settled down in a log cabin that stood on the place. This primitive abode presently gave way to a substantial brick house and as his affairs prospered he added to his land holdings until he became the owner of a fine farm of 286 acres, a part of the present Rickert farm. There he died in 1916. The Rickert home is situated on rural mail route No. 2 out of Albany.

CHARLES W. GILMORE, president of the White River Packing Company of Muncie and a meat packer of long experience, has been a resident of Muncie for more than thirty years, having come here about the time the gas "boom" was getting a good start in this section of Indiana. Mr. Gilmore was born in the city of Hamilton, Ohio, September 2, 1866, and is a son of John and Jane (Hardin) Gilmore, both of whom also were born at Hamilton, and the former of whom died when his son Charles was but a boy. Charles W. Gilmore had his schooling at Hamilton and early became employed as a clerk in a grocery store there, later going into a dry goods store and was thus employed until in 1884, he then being eighteen years of age, when he came with his mother to Indiana and located at Dublin, in Wayne county. For two or three years thereafter he worked on a farm in the Dublin neighborhood and then he opened a meat market in that village. Two years later, in 1889, he changed the scene of his activities to Newcastle and was there engaged in the retail meat business until in 1892 when he came to Muncie and established himself in the same line here, opening a meat market at 411 South Walnut street. This business prospered and in due time Mr. Gilmore saw his way clear to go into the packing business and engage in the meat business on a wholesale scale. He erected a packing plant on Buck creek at Nineteenth street and there continued in business until in

1922 when he bought the plant of the White River Packing Company on the Selma pike and has since been operating this plant, president of the operating company. Mr. Gilmore is a Republican, is a member of the local post of the Travelers' Protective Association and he and his wife are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. They reside at 327 North Vine street. On November 26, 1887, at Dublin, Ind., Charles W. Gilmore was united in marriage to Flora L. Huddleston, who was born in that village, daughter of Jonathan and Lydia Huddleston, the former of whom was a veteran of the Civil war, having entered the army at the age of eighteen years as a drummer boy. Mrs. Gilmore is a member of the local chapter (Paul Revere) of the Daughters of the American Revolution. During the summer of 1923 she rendered service on the jury of the Delaware circuit court, this having been the first jury in this county on which a woman rendered service. Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore have a daughter, Ethel B., a graduate nurse, who married N. D. McKillip. Mr. McKillip died leaving one child, a daughter, Jane. Following her husband's death Mrs. McKillip resumed professional nursing and was thus engaged until her recent marriage to Floyd G. Crandell, of Toledo, Ohio.

OLIVER W. STORER, former surveyor of Delaware county and now engaged in the private banking business at Muncie, head of the Muncie Banking Company, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Indiana and of Muncie since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Storer was born in the village of Belfast, in Highland county, Ohio, and is a son of Joseph and Minnie (Roads) Storer, the latter of whom was a daughter of Daniel S. and Leitha (Spargur) Roads and of the same family as that of the late Hardin Roads, Muncie banker, who also was born and reared in Highland county. Both the Roadses and the Spargurs were pioneers of Highland county, the latter coming from North Carolina. The Storers also were pioneers of Highland county, having come there from Pennsylvania. This is the same family of Storers as that of the late Bellamy Storer, statesman and diplomatist. The late Joseph Storer, was a veteran of the Civil war, was reared on a farm and followed the vocation of farming all his active life. During the time of the Civil war he served as a soldier in the 2d Ohio Cavalry and upon the completion of his military service became engaged in farming in the immediate vicinity of Belfast, in Highland county, Ohio, where he remained until in 1878, when he moved with his family to Indiana and settled on a farm in Niles township, this county. Upon his retirement from the farm he moved to Muncie and here spent

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his last days, his death occurring in 1921. To him and his wife were born two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Daniel Storer, who is living at Dunkirk, Ind. Oliver W. Storer completed his schooling in the university at Valparaiso, Ind., where he specialized in civil engineering and became a competent surveyor, graduating with the degree of B. S. in 1891. While attending the university he taught three terms of country school, two in this county and one in Porter county, and during the period 1892-94 was engaged as principal of the high school at Dunkirk. In 1894 he was elected surveyor of Delaware county and in that office served for four years, 1895-99. Upon the completion of this term of public service Mr. Storer became engaged in the private banking business at Muncie and has since been thus engaged, with offices in the Johnson block in South Walnut street. It was in 1899 that he became engaged in the business which has since engrossed his attention and which has developed until now he has nine chattel loan offices in operation in Indiana. It was in 1905 that he took out a charter for the Muncie Banking Company, of which he is the president. Mr. Storer is an ardent Freemason and is a past eminent commander of Muncie Commandery (No. 18), Knights Templar. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Storer (Pearl Black, daughter of John W. Black, of Muncie) is an artist of more than local note. She received her art training in Chicago and other art centers and her paintings have attracted much attention in discriminating circles. The Storers reside at 321 East Charles street.

JOHN PRESS BAXLA, a substantial farmer and landowner of Delaware county and for many years one of the leading sheep breeders in the county, residing on the Johnson road in Hamilton township, rural mail route No. 1 out of Muncie, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. Mr. Baxla was born on a farm in Mt. Pleasant township, west of Muncie, the place now occupied by Marion Williams on the Cornbread road, September 27, 1852, and is a son of Hiram A. and Hannah (McKimmey) Baxla, the latter of whom was born in Wayne county, Indiana, and was but a child when she came with her parents to Delaware county, back in settlement days. Hiram A. Baxla was born in the vicinity of the city of Xenia, in Greene county, Ohio, and was but a lad when he came to Indiana with his parents, Julian Baxla and wife, the family settling on the farm on the Yorktown road in this county, Julian Baxla becoming one of the substantial pioneer farmers of that section of the county. There Hiram A. Baxla grew to manhood. After his marriage he purchased

a tract of 110 acres of his father's farm and continued to live there until in 1881, when he moved to Hamilton township and established his home on a farm of 326 acres which he had bought there, a part of which place is now occupied by his son, John. There he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, both dying in 1898. They were the parents of eleven children, eight of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having four sisters, Ruth E., Flora E., Sarah A. and Nancy J., and three brothers, Julian S., James W., and Marion D. Baxla. Reared on the old home farm in Mt. Pleasant township, John Press Baxla completed his schooling in the Muncie high school and from the days of his boyhood has been devoted to farming. He continued farming in association with his father until after his marriage, when he secured from his father a tract of forty acres, where he is now living on the Johnson road in Hamilton township, and there he ever since has made his home, meanwhile increasing his holdings until now he owns eighty acres and has a well improved farm. From the days of his young manhood Mr. Baxla has given much attention to the breeding of purebred sheep, with special reference to Rambouillets, and has done much to advance the standards of sheep raising in this county. He is a member of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association and maintains a fine flock on his place, his special interest in sheep covering a period of nearly fifty years. He is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. It was on March 2, 1884, that John Press Baxla was united in marriage to Alice Needler, of the New Corner (Gaston) neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Baxla have one child, a daughter, Aurah C., who married H. L. Deen and has two children, Francis and Virginia. They also reared in their home Delorus A. Bunton, who married Melvin Tyler, of Muncie, and is now living in California. Mrs. Alice Baxla is a daughter of James and Catherine (Walker) Needler, the latter of whom was born in Preble county, Ohio, in 1836, and was six years of age when she came with her parents over into Indiana, the family locating about four miles from the present town of Matthews in Grant county. James Needler was born in Grant county, where he made his home until after his marriage when he came over into Delaware county and bought a farm of 120 acres in the New Corner (Gaston) neighborhood, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1883. His widow survived him for twenty-five years, her death occuring in 1908. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom are still living, Mrs. Baxla having three sisters, Sarah, Mary and Ileda, and two brothers, Oscar and Harley Needler.

HENRY E. KIRKWOOD, a substantial farmer and landowner of Niles township, living in the Granville neighborhood, rural mail route No. 1 out of Eaton, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. Mr. Kirkwood was born on a pioneer farm on the Granville pike on November 21, 1868, and is a son of David M. and Agnes (Dick) Kirkwood, the latter of whom was born in the vicinity of Troy, Ohio, and was but a child when she came to Indiana with her parents, the family settling first in what is now the neighborhood west of Shideler and later moving to Niles township, establishing their home south of Granville. She was a granddaughter of Thomas Flynn, who, according to the traditions of the period, was captured by some warriors of the Munsee tribe of the Delaware Indians in this section of the Indiana country and was tied to the "torture stake" that the redskins are said to have maintained on what now is known as Old Town Hill in this county, and was thus awaiting execution by fire when a thunderstorm came up and diverted the savages from their vengeful intentions. Mrs. Agnes Kirkwood died in 1905. Her husband survived her for twelve years, his death occurring in 1917. They were the parents of five children, the one son (the subject of this sketch) and four daughters, Millie (deceased), Anna M., Lena A. and Bessie (deceased). Reared on the home farm in the Granville neighborhood, Henry E. Kirkwood received his schooling in the local schools and until his marriage continued on the farm with his father. He then began farming on his own account, as a renter, and continued thus engaged until in 1910, when he bought the farm of eighty-one acres on which he is now living, near Granville, and has since resided there. Mr. Kirkwood is a member of Nodaway lodge, No. 241, Improved Order of Red Men, at Royerton, and he and his wife are Republicans and members of the Granville Christian church. It was on April 29, 1896, that Henry E. Kirkwood was united in marriage to Mary E. Crooks and to this union two children have been born, a son, Walter L., and a daughter, Florence Irene Kirkwood. Walter L. Kirkwood married Ada Ledbetter, of Delaware township, and has two sons, Frederick Harold and Herbert Crooks Kirkwood. Mrs. Mary E. Kirkwood was born in Niles township and is a daughter of Calvin C. and Priscilla (Batreall) Crooks, the latter of whom was a member of the pioneer Batreall family of this county. Calvin C. Crooks was born in Delaware county, Ohio, and as a young man came over into Indiana and began clerking in a store at Warren, in Huntington county. There he came in touch with Adam Wolfe, the pioneer Muncie banker and merchant, who also

had mercantile interests elsewhere throughout this section of Indiana, and by the latter was established in business at Granville, in this county, where he continued in business for thirty-two years. He and Adam Wolfe were the joint owners of a tract of more than 250 acres of farm land in the vicinity of Granville. Calvin C. Crooks was twice married and by his first wife, Harriet Becker, a native of New York state, was the father of four children, Stella, Albert, George and Harriet J., all of whom are now deceased save the last named. The mother of these children died in 1863. To Calvin C. and Priscilla (Batreall) Crooks six children were born, those besides Mrs. Kirkwood (the fifth in order of birth) being Clara M., Oren F., Laura (deceased), Arthur C. and Walter A. Crooks.

GEORGE H. PIEPHO, of the firm of Moffitt & Piepho, funeral directors at Muncie, was born in Kankakee, Ill., and is a son of August and Minnie (Bruescher) Piepho, substantial farming people of that community. August Piepho was a "49er," one of that adventurous band of Argonauts who went to California following the discovery of gold there, he making the toilsome journey by way of the Isthmus. Upon his return he for some time made his home in Chicago and then became a farmer in the Kankakee region. One of his sons, John Piepho, is now the manager of a 500-acre scientific and experimental farm in the fertile Kankakee valley in the vicinity of Hebron. Reared on the home farm at Kankakee, George H. Piepho received his schooling in the schools of that city and early became interested in the mercantile business. After his marriage he established himself in business, proprietor of a general store at Brunswick near beautiful Cedar Lake, in Lake county, Indiana, and was thus engaged in business there until he became interested in the undertaking business. He took a course in the College of Embalming at Chicago and in 1914 entered into his present partnership in the old established undertaking concern with which he since has been connected at Muncie, doing business under the firm name of Moffitt & Piepho, with a well equipped establishment at the corner of Charles and Jefferson streets. Mr. Piepho is a Freemason, is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Loyal Order of Moose, and he and his wife are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. In 1901, at Brunswick, Ind., George H. Piepho was united in marriage to Julia G. Groman, daughter of Dr. Charles Groman, of that place, and to this union three children have been born, Clarence, Gladys and Herbert, the latter of whom is still in public school. Clarence Piepho completed his schooling in Boston and is now asso-

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ciated with his father in the undertaking business. Gladys Piepho is a student at the Eastern Division of the Indiana State Normal School at Muncie. Mrs. Piepho is one of the active members of the Muncie Woman's Club, one of the oldest continuing woman's clubs in Indiana, and served for two years as secretary of the Federated Clubs of Muncie and Delaware county. Before her marriage she was for some years engaged in teaching in the public schools of Lake county. One of her sisters, Minnie Groman, was for some time engaged in the missionary field and is now a settlement worker in Chicago. Her father, Dr. Charles Groman, a graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, became an influential factor in the development of the Cedar Lake region and erected the first school house put up at Brunswick, in Lake county. One of his sons, Dr. Augustus Groman, is now a practicing physician in Iowa, and two of his grandsons, Dr. Herman G. Groman, of Hammond, Ind., and Dr. Alfred Noehren, surgeon at Buffalo, N. Y., also are physicians.

MELVIN A. BUTTERFIELD, founder of the Butterfield Canning Company of Muncie, a concern whose affairs still are carried on in the family, had been a resident of this county for twenty years and more prior to his death and thus had made many friends here. Mr. Butterfield was born on a farm in the vicinity of Lawrenceburg, in Dearborn county, this state, in 1864, and was a son of Ephraim and Cordelia (Annis) Butterfield, the latter of whom also was born in that same county, a member of one of the pioneer families. Ephraim Butterfield was a native of the state of Maine. He and his wife were the parents of four children, the subject of this memorial sketch having had a sister, Emma, now deceased, and two brothers, Elmer and Manley Butterfield. Reared in Dearborn county, Melvin A. Butterfield completed his schooling at Quincy, Ill., and for some time after leaving school was employed as a traveling salesman. He married when twenty-five years of age and about two years later, in 1891, came to Delaware county and bought a farm on the Selma road and became engaged in practical farming here. In 1904 he established a canning factory at Lincoln and Gilbert streets in Muncie and there continued active in business until his death on October 15, 1919. This factory has been maintained by the family and is now doing business as the Butterfield Canning Company, its products long having been in wide demand in the market. Mr. Butterfield was a Freemason and was a member of the Christian church. It was in 1889, in the neighboring county of Madison, that Melvin A. Butterfield was united in marriage to Ella Moore, who was born in that county, a daughter

of William and Alcinda (Armfield) Moore, the latter of whom also was born in Madison county, daughter of Tillman Armfield and wife, the latter of whom was a Pickering. William Moore was born in Virginia, a son of Thomas and Jane (Bobbett) Moore, and after his marriage established his home on a farm in the Elwood (Ind.) neighborhood. Of the seven children born to him and his wife, Mrs. Butterfield was the second in order of birth, the others being Manville, Frank, Nettie, Charles, William and Jesse. To Melvin A. and Ella (Moore) Butterfield were born six children, namely: Emma, wife of John DeShipper; Joseph, deceased; Eura, wife of Noah Thompson, who has one child, a son, Junior; Anita, wife of Eldo Webber; William, who married Helen Knapp, and Robert. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Butterfield has been making her home at Muncie, residing at 1334 East Main street. She is a member of the Christian church. The Butterfield Canning Company's plant is owned and operated by William Butterfield and two of his sisters, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Webber.

JOHN W. LAMBERT, of the firm of Lambert Bros., grocers at Eaton, and a merchant of many years of practical experience, was born on a farm north of Eaton on February 11, 1875, and is a son of Joseph D. and Clara (Edgington) Lambert, the latter a member of the pioneer Edgington family of this county. Joseph D. Lambert, a former merchant and hotel keeper of Eaton and a landowner of Union township, now living retired at Eaton in his seventy-seventh year, was born in Fayette county, Indiana, and was a young man when he came to Delaware county with his father, John L. Lambert, a Virginian, who had settled in Fayette county upon coming to Indiana. Upon coming to Delaware county with his family John L. Lambert settled on a farm which he had bought north of Eaton and there spent the remainder of his life. Not long after coming to this county Joseph D. Lambert married and began farming on his own account, as a renter, in Union township, and after his father's death came into possession by inheritance of a farm of ninety acres. About 1888, not long after the beginning of the development of the natural gas field here, he left the farm and bought the Foorman hotel at Eaton, which he operated for a number of years, at the end of which time he returned to the farm and resumed his farming operations and continued thus engaged until his retirement and return to Eaton, where he is now living. To him and his wife were born eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Alice, Louis (deceased), Anna, Moses, Della, Evan and Edna (deceased). John W. Lambert completed his school-

ing in the Eaton schools and as a young man became employed in a factory in that city. Some years later he entered upon his mercantile career as a clerk in the Foorman Bros.' grocery store at Eaton and while thus engaged was married. He continued his connection with the Foorman store until about 1903, when he transferred his services to the Goddard wholesale grocery house at Muncie and was thus connected until in 1919, when he returned to Eaton and entered upon a partnership with his brother, Moses Lambert, in the grocery business in that city and has since been thus engaged, the firm carrying on under the name of Lambert Bros., a continuation of the old established business of Foorman Bros. In May, 1923, the Lambert brothers moved their store from the old Foorman stand to more commodious quarters at the corner of Harris and Hartford streets, where they have a thoroughly up-to-date store, with a stock of goods ample for the needs of the trade area they cover. It was on September 12, 1896, that John W. Lambert was united in marriage to Myrtle M. Baldwin. Mr. and Mrs. Lambert are members of the Friends church at Muncie and are Republicans. Mr. Lambert is a member of Ouray lodge (No. 74) of the Improved Order of Red Men at Eaton. Mrs. Lambert was born in the neighboring county of Randolph, in the Fairview neighborhood, daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Whittacer) Baldwin, and was but a girl when her parents moved with their family to Delaware county, locating at Albany, where her father became engaged in business as a dry goods merchant.

JOHN W. BEIERSDORFER, proprietor of a retail meat market at Eaton, to which place he moved six or seven years ago from Muncie, was born at Dayton, Ohio, in 1875, and is a son of Joseph and Josephine (Shepley) Beiersdorfer, who later became residents of Celina, Ohio, where Joseph Beiersdorfer was for years engaged in the retail meat business. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Anna, Mary and Agnes, and three brothers, Frank, Joseph and Fred Beiersdorfer. Reared at Celina, John W. Beiersdorfer received his schooling in that city and under his father's direction early learned the details of the retail meat business. Upon starting in business for himself he came over into Delaware county and opened a meat shop at Albany, but presently disposed of that business and moved to Muncie, where he was employed with local retail meat concerns at that place until in 1917, when he moved to Eaton, opened a meat shop at this place and has since been engaged in business here, proprietor of a well equipped and up-to-date establishment. Mr. Beiersdorfer married Myrtle Laughridge, of Celina, and has three children, Helen Josephine, John Edward and Gertrude Catherine.

HARRY D. SINGER, proprietor of a well equipped bakery, popularly known as "Singer's Bakery," at 513 South Walnut street, and successor to the old established Cunnington bakery, which was opened there in 1884, was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Randolph on September 26, 1882, and is a son and only child of Albert and Josie (Stick) Singer, the latter of whom, one of the six daughters of Samuel and Mary (Murray) Stick, died in 1915. Harry D. Singer was reared in the home of his paternal grandfather and attended district school, walking a mile and a half to school. At the age of thirteen years he began "for himself," working as a "printer's devil" in the office of the Redkey *Times,* and for two years applied himself to learning "the art preservative of all arts." Finding at the end of that time that the close application to indoor work was not agreeing with him, he started out in the insurance field, writing for the Prudential Insurance Company's agency at Hartford City. He kept this up for a year and then came to Muncie and began working in the old Cunnington bakery on South Walnut street. He married when just past his majority and established his home at Muncie, continuing to work for the Cunnington bakery until he had rounded out eleven years in that employment, during which time he missed but two days on the job. He then became a traveling salesman for the Washburn-Crosby flour mills of Minneapolis and was thus employed for two years, at the end of which time, in 1906, he became engaged in the bakery business on his own account, opening a bakery in East Main street, and continued to operate this plant until in 1914, when he bought the old Cunnington bakery in South Walnut street, the place in which he had spent eleven years of his life, merged his own plant with this, moving into the old stand, and has since been established there. The popularity of the products of Mr. Singer's ovens may be estimated when it is known that he now employs nearly forty persons in his establishment and that no fewer than ten trucks of a combined capacity of 10,000 pounds are required to maintain the delivery service. Mr. Singer is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, is an active member of the Kiwanis Club, is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Loyal Order of Moose. It was on October 10, 1903, at Hartford City, Ind., that Harry D. Singer was united in marriage to Dessa M. Slater, daughter of John Slater, of that city, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Alice Singer, who at the age of nineteen is now in Paris rounding out her studies in harp expression under the direction of Madam Ranie. She was

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graduated from the Muncie high school, making the four-year course in three, and then was graduated in piano from the Muncie Conservatory of Music. She then took up the study of the harp and after instructions under Madam Schellschmidt at Indianapolis and Mildred Dilling at New York went abroad for finishing work in Paris.

CLAYTON B. WINGATE, a member of the school board of the town of Albany and for many years engaged there as a carpenter, was born at Albany on September 4, 1870, and is a son of John N. and Charlotte R. (Black) Wingate, the latter of whom also was born in this county, her parents having come in here from Ohio in settlement days. The late John M. Wingate was born in Greene county, Ohio, and was but a child when he came to Delaware county with his parents, the family settling on a farm west of Albany. He grew to manhood there and in time became a farmer on his own account, the owner of a good farm of 160 acres, two and a half miles west of Albany, on which he made his home until his retirement and removal to Albany, where his last days were spent, his death occurring on June 16, 1919. To him and his wife were born seven children, two sons and five daughters. Reared on the home farm in the Albany neighborhood, Clayton B. Wingate received his schooling in the local schools and continued his interest in farm work for some years, or until in 1900, when he moved to Albany and became employed there in the McCormick Bros. tin factory. He presently was made foreman of this plant and has ever since been connected with the plant, for some years past acting as architectural superintendent of the works, looking after the realty interests of the McCormick Bros. as a carpenter. Mr. Wingate is a Democrat and is a present member of the school board of the town of Albany. He is a Freemason, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Jackson Street Christian church at Muncie. Mrs. Wingate is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Albany. On November 26, 1894, Clayton B. Wingate was united in marriage to Grace Evans and to this union two children have been born, Charlotte, who died in 1908, and Imogene, who married Harold Prow, of Bloomington, Ind., and has one child, a daughter, Mary Alice. Mrs. Grace Wingate also was born in Delaware county and is a daughter of Charles Asbury and Mary (Strong) Evans, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a daughter of John W. Strong, who was a son of Reuben Strong, one of the original entrymen in Delaware county. Charles Asbury Evans was born over the line in the Redkey neighborhood in Jay county in 1850 and was a son of Evan and Rhoda (Allegre) Evans, the latter of whom was a daughter

of James and Rhoda (Phelps) Allegre. The Allegres were Virginians, of Huguenot stock, who came into Indiana out of Ohio in settlement days. James Allegre, who died in the Albany neighborhood in 1852, was a widely known "local" minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. Evan Evans settled in what later came to be the Redkey neighborhood in 1840 and was an influential factor in the development of that community, where he died in the fall of 1898. Charles Asbury Evans grew up in that community and became a substantial farmer and stockman of Delaware township, having his home in the valley of Campbells creek (in section 26) about four miles south of Albany, where Mrs. Wingate was born and reared.

ROBERT BURNS BRADBURY, formerly and for years a coal merchant at Muncie and a prominent figure in the commercial life of that city, died ten years ago and at his passing left a good memory and his family still is prominently represented in the city. Mr. Bradbury was a native Hoosier, a member of one of the pioneer families of eastern Indiana, and all his life was spent in this state. He was born in the old hamlet of Jacksonburg in the western part of Wayne county, February 9, 1836, and was a son of Abner M. and Mary (Boyd) Bradbury, both of Revolutionary stock and the latter of whom was a daughter of Samuel and Isabel (Higgins) Boyd, who had come into Indiana out of Kentucky. Abner M. Bradbury was born in New Jersey, a son of David Bradbury, a soldier of the Revolution, and was one of the first of the Bradburys to come to Indiana. His brothers, John and Daniel Bradbury, also came to this state. Other Bradburys settled in southern Ohio and the family now is widely represented in the Midwest country. Abner M. Bradbury and wife were the parents of fourteen children and the descendants of this pioneer couple in the present generation form a numerous connection. Robert Burns Bradbury was the ninth in order of birth of these children, the others being William H., Isabel, Caroline R., James L., Elizabeth, Martha, Samuel B., Daniel M., Albert W., Mary, Allison B., Walter and Emma. Dr. Allison B. Bradbury, who died at his home in Muncie thirty years and more ago, was an army surgeon during the Civil war, serving in an Ohio regiment. Robert Burns Bradbury was reared at Jacksonburg, where he received his schooling, and early became engaged in his father's tannery at that place. He later became engaged in the mercantile business at Cambridge City. In 1879 he disposed of his interests in Wayne county and moved with his family to Muncie, where he established a coal and wood yard, and was thus actively engaged in business until 1900. His death occurred in 1914,

he then being seventy-eight years of age. Mr. Bradbury acquired considerable real estate holdings in and about Muncie and was the owner of part of the ground on which the postoffice building now stands, a plot of ground which he sold to the government in 1905. He was a Presbyterian and took a proper part in church work. Robert Burns Bradbury was twice married. In 1857 he was united in marriage to Sarah Townsend, of Iowa, daughter of Stephen Townsend, one of the leading Quakers of his generation. Following her death he married, January 15, 1872, Sarah C. Connelly, who survives and is still living at Muncie, she and her daughters residing at 314 East Howard street. To this latter union were born three children, the two daughters, Jessie S. Bradbury, a teacher in the Muncie public schools, and Nora Lee Bradbury, an art teacher in the city schools, and a son, Robert Burns Bradbury, 320 North Pershing drive, connected with the Muncie Malleable Foundry Company. Mrs. Sarah C. Bradbury was born in Wayne county and is a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Blair) Connelly, the latter of whom was a daughter of John and Suzanne (Jemison) Blair. Isaac Connelly was born in that section of the Old Dominion now comprised in West Virginia, the son of a Methodist clergyman, and was but a boy when his parents came with their family to Indiana and settled in Wayne county. One of his brothers was a soldier of the Union during the time of the Civil war. To Isaac Connelly and wife three children were born, Mrs. Bradbury having a sister, Mrs. Eliza Ellen Hurst (deceased), and a brother, Benjamin Franklin Connelly. The family are members of the Presbyterian church.

CHARLES J. GILL, president of the Gill Clay Pot Company of Muncie, has been a resident of Muncie for more than seventeen years and thus has long been definitely identified with the industrial interests of this city. Mr. Gill was born in the city of Wheeling, W. Va., May 11, 1853, and is a son of James S. Gill, an Englishman, who came to this country in the '40s of the past century and became the founder of the business in clay products now and for many years carried on at Muncie under the Gill name. Charles J. Gill was reared at Wheeling and early became familiar with the clay products industry under the direction of his father and with the glass manufacturing industry, with which he long was connected. In 1882, at Bellaire, Ohio, the clay products industry now being carried on by the Gill company at Muncie was established under the firm name of James S. Gill's Sons. When this firm changed its base and headquarters to Muncie in 1892 in order to secure advantage of the nat-

ural gas field here, the firm name was changed to Gill Brothers and in 1908, under a reorganization, it was incorporated as the Gill Clay Pot Company, its present firm style—a name that is firmly established in the trade throughout this country, particularly in that great trade area east of the Mississippi. For years this firm has specialized in fire-clay pots for furnaces, tank blocks, fire brick and fire-clay products generally and has a well equipped plant for the manufacture of such products, giving employment to about one hundred persons. The four sons of James S. Gill and the latter's grandson, C. O. Grafton, have developed the business, the sons being Charles J., Harry R., Will H. and Frank O. Gill. Charles J. Gill and C. O. Grafton are still actively identified with the concern, the officers of which are Charles J. Gill, president; Harry R. Gill, vice president; Charles O. Grafton, treasurer and general manager, and John H. Gill, secretary. Charles J. Gill, at Bellaire, Ohio, married Margaret Hamilton. He resides at 910 East Jackson street. John H. Gill, son of Charles J. and Margaret (Hamilton) Gill, and secretary of the Gill Clay Pot Company, was born at Bellaire, Ohio, May 25, 1892, and was but an infant when his parents moved to Muncie in 1907. He completed his schooling in the high school here in 1910 and ever since has devoted his attention to the development of the Gill products plant, secretary of the company since the year 1917. He is a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is affiliated with the congregation of the Universalist church.

OLIVER P. JONES, a substantial farmer and dairyman of Mt. Pleasant and Harrison townships and long and widely known as a breeder of pure blood Jersey cattle, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the real pioneer families of this county, and has lived here all his life. Mr. Jones was born on a farm in Harrison township on May 13, 1866, and is a son of Oliver Perry and Catherine (McNeer) Jones, both now deceased. Oliver Perry Jones was born in Clinton county, Ohio, and was a son of Isaac Jones, who in the spring of 1832 came over here into the new lands in this section of Indiana seeking a place of permanent location and after viewing lands in this county that still were open to entry picked out a location in the southeastern corner of what is now Harrison township and went back to Ohio to report on conditions as he had found them. Decision was made to move and in the fall of that same year Isaac Jones and his family moved over here with a view to settling on the spot that had been selected by the head of the family, but found on arrival here that Isaac Adamson, the first man to enter

lands as of what now is Harrison township, had entered the tract selected in section 36, the date of his entry having been October 18, 1832, just prior to the arrival of the Joneses, and was living there with his family in a cabin that had hastily been put up. Isaac Jones then looked about a bit, his family meanwhile adjusting themselves to the life of the unbroken forest, and on October 12, 1833, entered from the government a tract of seventy-two acres in section 31 of Harrison township, and with the aid of his son, Oliver Perry Jones, put up a cabin on the place. He then returned to Ohio to close out his affairs there, leaving his son and two daughters on the place, and in the spring returned to enter upon his new home, but he was destined not long to remain, for in the fall of that year he died. Oliver Perry Jones took up the burden of clearing and improving the place, carried on his farming operations with success and eventually became the owner of right around 600 acres of land. He spent his last days in this county, his death occurring in 1887. In 1843 he married Sarah Dillon, who died in the following year, and in 1847 he married Catherine McNeer, whose death occurred in 1909. He was the father of seven children, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Isaac N. and Sell Jones. Reared on the home farm in Harrison township, Oliver P. Jones received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and from the days of his boyhood was an aid to his father in the operations of the home farm. He was twenty-one years of age when his father died and he then took over the operation of the home place, a farm of 260 acres, and started in farming on his own account. Some years later, in 1891, he began the breeding of Jersey cattle, bringing in the first imported Jersey bull ever brought to this county as his herd leader, this making him one of the oldest breeders of Jersey stock in Indiana. He found this a profitable venture and has continued along that line, at times having as many as 150 head of purebred Jerseys in his herd, bringing into this county some of the best Jersey blood that could be bought and thus doing much to raise the standard of this breed of dairy cattle throughout this section of the state. Mr. Jones has a well stocked dairy barn on his place, equipped in modern fashion. He is at present milking about twenty-five head and the products of his dairy are in wide demand. Mr. Jones is a Democrat with "independent" leanings, is a Freemason and is a past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His home is pleasantly situated on rural route No. 1 out of Yorktown. Oliver P. Jones has been twice married. His first wife, Hannah D. McKinley,

died leaving two daughters, Maude and Glenna, and he later married Alice M. Wilson. Maude Jones married Virgil Lee and has two daughters, Martha and Virginia. Glenna Jones married Fred Pedrick and has two children, Frederick and Hannah Mae.

CHARLES L. WOOD, former postmaster at Albany and now proprietor of a barber shop there, was born on a farm in the vicinity of what now is the village of Powers, over the line in the neighboring county of Jay, January 19, 1863, and is a son of Isaac and Delilah (Davidson) Wood, the latter of whom was born in Ohio. Isaac Wood, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Pennsylvania and was but a lad when he came to Indiana with his parents, John Wood and wife, the family settling on a quarter-section farm in Jay county. There he grew to manhood. When the Civil war came on he enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and went to the front, this service continuing for about a year or until he was discharged on account of disability due to illness. Two of his brothers were in the same command and both were killed in battle. When the old Union City & Logansport railroad (now a part of the Pennsylvania lines) was put through Jay county in 1867 Isaac Wood was made foreman of the section running in the vicinity of his home (Powers) and for eight years occupied that position. He died at Powers on January 9, 1878. Of the nine children born to him and his wife, seven are still living. Reared at Powers, Charles L. Wood supplemented the schooling received in the local school by attendance on old Ridgeville College and in 1884 was graduated from that institution. For two years thereafter he was engaged in teaching school in Jay county and then opened a grocery store at Powers. Two years later he disposed of his interests there and moved to Albany, where he became engaged in the restaurant business, this being at the time of the local "boom" consequent on the opening of the natural gas field here. For three years Mr. Wood carried on as a restaurateur and then he became engaged in the barber business, a line that occupied his attention until in 1913, when he received the appointment as postmaster at Albany. For something more than eight years Mr. Wood occupied the responsible position of postmaster at Albany, or until succeeded by the present incumbent on March 1, 1922. He then resumed his old calling and has since been thus engaged in business, proprietor of a well equipped and up-to-date barber shop at Albany. Mr. Wood is a Democrat. He is a veteran member of Valentine lodge, No. 378, Knights of Pythias, which was organized in Albany in 1893, and has been keeper of records and seal of that

lodge since 1895. He also is affiliated with the local lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men. On September 3, 1883, Charles L. Wood was united in marriage to Clara B. Smith, who also was born on a farm in Jay county, daughter of Job and Rebecca (Shaffer) Smith, and to this union have been born seven children, Otto, Dollie, Faye, Lawrence, James, Josephine and Dorothy, four of whom are married. Otto Wood married Pearl Smith, of Albany, and has two children, Harold and Winifred. Dolly Wood married Thomas Keppler, of Albany, and has two children, Merrill and Carl. Faye Wood married William Anderson, of Dunkirk, and has three children, Carl, James and Charles, and James Wood married Edna Martin, of Dunkirk.

MILTON GRAY, proprietor of the Milton Gray Agency, real estate and insurance, at Muncie, and a former member of the city common council, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life, save for a period years ago when he was a resident of Middletown, in the neighboring county of Henry. Mr. Gray was born on a farm in the vicinity of the village of Daleville, in Salem township, November 22, 1854, and is a son of James M. and Elizabeth (Shoemaker) Gray, the latter of whom was a daughter of John Shoemaker, a Pennsylvanian and one of the real pioneers of this county. James M. Gray was born in Tennessee and was but a child when his father, Joseph Gray, a native of Scotland, died there. In 1835, he then being seven years of age, his widowed mother left her home in the Knoxville (Tenn.) community and with her children accompanied a party of kinsfolk up here into Indiana, the family settling in Salem township, this county, where James M. Gray grew to manhood, a practical farmer. After his marriage to Elizabeth Shoemaker he continued farming for some years and then became engaged in the mercantile business at Daleville, a line which he continued until his retirement in the '80s and removal to Anderson, where his last days were spent. He was twice married and by his first wife was the father of six children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Jonathan, Isabelle, Lydia J., Ella and Josephine. The mother of these children died in 1866 and James M. Gray later married Mary A. McClanahan. To this latter union one child was born, a son, William R. Gray, who died in California at the age of thirty-one years. Reared on the home farm in Salem township, Milton Gray received his schooling in the Daleville schools and then became engaged with his father in the mercantile business in that village, later going to Middletown, where he opened a store and where he was engaged in business until his removal to Muncie, in

1890, following the promising development here consequent on the opening of the natural gas field. He took an active part in the organization of the Muncie Casket Company and was elected secretary and general manager of that concern, a position he held until in 1913, when he became engaged in his present line, real estate and insurance, and has so continued, with present offices in the Wysor block. Mr. Gray is a Republican and for eight years rendered public service as a member of the city council. For many years he has been an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he also is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his wife are members of the Jackson Street Christian church. In 1877 Milton Gray was united in marriage to Jennette Griffis, daughter of Dr. Robert Griffis, of Henry county, and to this union two sons were born, Myron H. Gray, now engaged in the practice of law at Muncie and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and Owen L., who died in infancy.

SAMUEL FRANKLIN BRADY, one of the sons of John Brady, first mayor of the city of Muncie, and a brother of Gen. Thomas J. Brady and Edward W. Brady, all well known in their generation in this county, as is set out elsewhere in this work, was the treasurer of Delaware county during the period of the Civil war and was a large factor in the civic and social life of this community during that time of stress. He was the father of six children, all of whom now are deceased save the one daughter, Miss Mary M. Brady, who continues to maintain the old family home at 216 East Washington street. Samuel Franklin Brady was born at Richmond, Ind., December 12, 1827, and was thus but nine years of age when in 1836 his parents, John and Mary (Wright) Brady, left there and took up their home in Muncietown, where they spent the remainder of their lives, as is set out elsewhere, the former dying in January, 1884, and the latter in August of that same year. John Brady was born in Warren county, Ohio, in 1803, and was a son of William and Julia Ann (Lerch) Brady, the former of whom served as a soldier of the War of 1812 and died in 1813 as a result of exposure and privation incident to his participation in Colonel Campbell's campaign against the Indians over here into this section of what then was Indiana Territory. John Brady located at Richmond, Ind., in 1824, and in the following year was married there to Mary Wright, who had come to Indiana with her mother from Maryland the year before. Upon locating at Muncietown in 1836 John Brady took an active part in

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the general affairs of the pioneer community and became a forceful factor in the labors of bringing about stable social and economic conditions here. As is narrated elsewhere he served as associate judge of the circuit court for ten years, was for fifteen years postmaster of the town and when a city form of government was set up in 1865 he was elected first mayor of the city of Muncie. He later rendered public service as a councilman from his ward and as township trustee, so that his impress upon this community was about as distinct as that of any man who ever labored here. In the chapter in this history relating to city government further and fitting reference is made to the public services of this pioneer. Samuel F. Brady grew to manhood at Muncie and in his father's harness shop became an expert saddler and harness maker, a vocation he followed until his election to the office of county treasurer in 1860. He had rendered earlier service as treasurer of the town corporation. His four-year term of service as county treasurer covered that period marked by the trying times of the Civil war, and not long after his retirement from the court house he became engaged as a railway postal clerk and in this form of public service continued engaged the rest of his active life, still making his home at Muncie, where he died on March 31, 1906. On March 25, 1851, Samuel F. Brady was united in marriage to Julia Ann Berry and to that union were born six children, all of whom now are deceased save the daughter, Mary Maude, born on October 12, 1857, Miss Brady having had five brothers, namely: Charles E., born on January 12, 1853; Frank W., June 12, 1854; George W., August 18, 1855; Samuel Franklin, August 28, 1859, and John W., July 2, 1873. The mother of these children died on July 16, 1913. John W. Brady married Martha Shidler and had one child, a son, Samuel Walter Brady.

DR. FRANK G. JACKSON, one of Delaware county's veteran physicians and a practitioner at Muncie for more than thirty years, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life with the exception of a few years during the early period of his professional career, when he was engaged in practice at Mt. Summit, in the neighboring county of Henry. Doctor Jackson was born at Muncie on November 25, 1858, and is a son of William N. and Sarah (Collins) Jackson, both members of pioneer families in this county and who then were residing at the corner of Madison and Adams street, the site now occupied by the Grace Episcopal church. Mrs. Sarah Collins Jackson also was born in this county, a daughter of Henderson Collins, the pioneer barn builder, who was widely known

hereabout in his generation as the builder of large barns, many of which are still standing in this county and adjoining counties, after sixty to eighty years of service. The late William N. Jackson, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Greenup county, Kentucky, and was a son of Thomas Jackson, a soldier of the War of 1812, who was born at Waterford, in Loudoun county, Virginia, a son of Robert Jackson, who had rendered service in behalf of the patriot cause during the War of the Revolution as a member of the company of John Hay. Some time after his marriage in Virginia, Thomas Jackson started West with his family on horseback and it was while thus en route that William N. Jackson was born in Greenup county, in Kentucky. The Jacksons presently made their home in Ohio and there remained until their removal in 1843 to Muncie, where Thomas Jackson established his home and spent the remainder of his life. The Jacksons of this line thus have been represented in Delaware county for more than eighty years. William N. Jackson thus was living here when the Civil war broke out. In the summer of 1861 when the 19th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, was being organized at Indianapolis he enlisted in that command for the period of three years and went to the front as a member of that regiment, which in the following October was consolidated with what came to be known as the famous old "Iron Brigade" of the Army of the Potomac, and with this gallant command he served until mustered out on October 19, 1864. Upon the completion of his military service he rejoined his family at Muncie and here spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1902. His wife had long predeceased him, her death having occurred in 1879. William N. Jackson was one of the organizers of Williams post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Muncie and for years served as adjutant of that post. To him and his wife were born eight children, of whom Doctor Jackson was the third in order of birth. Reared at Muncie, Frank G. Jackson was graduated from the high school there in 1878. Meanwhile he had been giving his thought to the study of medicine and under the preceptorship of Dr. H. C. Winans, of Muncie, was prepared for entrance to college. During the years 1881-82 he attended the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati and in the next year married and established his home at Mt. Summit, down the line south of Muncie, in Henry county. For about six years Doctor Jackson continued in practice at Mt. Summit and then he returned to Muncie, where he ever since has made his home, with present office and residence at 214 East Adams street. The Doctor's medical studies were continued at the

Louisville Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1894. When the office of local health officer was created in 1892, Doctor Jackson received the appointment to that position and was thus serving in that capacity when in the next year (1893) Muncie was subjected to an unhappy period of quarantine due to an outbreak of smallpox, as is narrated elsewhere in this work. Doctor Jackson established the local health office on a sound and practical basis and was the forerunner of the present efficient and scientific organization known as the Department of Public Health. On August 19, 1893, he was called to the southeastern part of the city to examine an unusual case of illness. He at once pronounced it confluent smallpox and quarantined the family. Following up rumors of other illnesses, he found quite a large number of cases which had occurred during the spring and summer of 1893 and which had been called chickenpox by the attending physicians. Chickenpox at that time was not required to be reported to the health officer and as a consequence there had been many cases before the health officer knew of their presence in the city. From this time on the health office assumed great prominence. The immediate welfare and happiness of the whole city was dependent upon the early suppression of this terrible disease. Doctor Jackson was equal to this demand, meeting all the various problems that daily arose with a wise, earnest and conscientious consideration. He had the loyal support of Mayor Arthur Brady and the special committee of the city council, composed of A. E. Lyman, George L. Lenon, J. C. Johnson and H. H. Highlands, and supported by County Health Officer Hugh A. Cowing and a large number of physicians of the city. In less than three months after the disease was discovered the quarantine was lifted and the city returned once more to its normal state and valiantly set to work to repair the damage done to business and to liquidate the heavy indebtedness assumed by the city in suppressing the epidemic. The prompt suppression of this widespread epidemic is the more remarkable because of the many difficult and harassing local conditions attending its course. On November 5 quarantine was lifted. During the period of the epidemic Doctor Jackson had entirely abandoned his extensive practice and had devoted all of his time to the duties of health officer. His financial remuneration for this service was small and he could not in justice to himself neglect his work longer. On November 27 he requested the mayor to accept his resignation as there was no longer a necessity for his services in smallpox work. His resignation was reluctantly accepted and a substantial sum was voted to him by the city council

for his faithful services. Of late years the doctor has been giving his special attention to the practice of industrial surgery. Doctor Jackson is a member of the local, state and national medical societies and of the Muncie Academy of Medicine and is a past president of the Delaware County Medical Society. He is a charter member of Walterhouse camp, Sons of Veterans, at Muncie, and a former surgeon of the Indiana Division of that organization. He also is a past worshipful master (1891-95) of Delaware lodge, No. 46, Free and Accepted Masons, and has attained to the 32d degree (Scottish Rite) in Freemasonry and is a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. It was in 1883, while living at Mt. Summit, that Dr. Frank G. Jackson was united in marriage to Jessie Ice, who was born at that place, daughter of Ezekiel T. and Rebecca (Bohn) Ice, and to this union two children have been born, daughters both, Lola and Sarah, the latter of whom married Ray Clark, of Muncie, and has one child, a son, Frank Jackson Clark. Doctor and Mrs. Jackson are members of the First Baptist church.

LEWIS D. OVERMIRE, former postmaster of Yorktown and formerly and for many years engaged in the mercantile business there, now living practically retired at Yorktown, has been a resident of Delaware county since the days of his infancy and has thus been a witness to and a participant in the development of Yorktown for more than sixty years. Mr. Overmire was born at Perkinsville, in the neighboring county of Madison, November 21, 1861, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Sharp) Overmire, the latter of whom was born in Delaware county, in 1840, daughter of H. B. and Tabitha Sharp. The late Henry Overmire, who for many years was one of Yorktown's leading citizens, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, July 16, 1837, and was a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Espells) Overmire, natives of Germany, who in 1836, shortly after their marriage, came to the United States and settled at Cincinnati, a few years later moving up into Franklin county, Indiana, where they established their home and where the elder Henry Overmire died in 1877. His widow long survived him and her last days were spent in the home of a daughter in Cincinnati. It was thus that the youth of the junior Henry Overmire was spent in Franklin county, this state. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to a tanner at Brookville and he spent three years learning this trade. He then was for two or three years engaged as a journeyman tanner, working at various places, and then he came up into this part of Indiana and started a tannery at Middletown. Later he bought a tannery at

Jerome, in Howard county, but hard times overtook him there and he was compelled to relinquish his investment. He then took charge of a tannery at Perkinsville, in Madison county, and in 1863 left there and moved over into Delaware county and took employment in the Allen tannery at Yorktown. Three years later he and Jacob Erther bought this tannery and continued operating it in partnership for three years, at the end of which time Mr. Overmire bought his partner's interest in the plant and carried on the business alone for ten years, or until with the gradually changing conditions in the leather market he found it profitable to abandon the business. During this time he also was operating at Yorktown a harness shop and a boot and shoe store, which he continued after giving up the tannery, and in 1884 took his son Lewis into partnership in his mercantile affairs and enlarged the store by adding groceries, etc., and thus continued in business until in 1892, when he disposed of his interest in the store to his son and thereafter gave his attention to his growing interests in the natural gas industry which meanwhile had been developing at Yorktown. Henry Overmire was president of the first natural gas company organized at Yorktown and for years was actively engaged in that business, also carrying on in connection with his harness shop a business in the sale of gas fixtures, and was thus engaged until his retirement. In 1858, while living in Howard county, Henry Overmire was united in marriage to Elizabeth Sharp. Of the children born to this union three grew to maturity, the subject of this sketch, his sister Mary and his brother, William M. Overmire. As will be noted by a comparison of dates above, Lewis D. Overmire was but two years of age when his parents moved to Yorktown in 1863. He received his schooling in the schools of that village and then for a year was employed as a clerk in a dry goods store at Muncie. He then took a course in a business college at Indianapolis and for a time thereafter was employed in a wholesale dry goods establishment in that city. Then in 1884 he became engaged in business at Yorktown in partnership with his father and this partnership was maintained until in 1892 when he bought his father's interest in the store and carried on alone, enlarging the store until he came to have the largest general store in Yorktown, and he was thus engaged in the mercantile business there until he sold out in 1917 and retired from business. Mr. Overmire is a Democrat and during the first Cleveland administration served as postmaster of Yorktown. He is a past noble grand of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Yorktown and also is a past chan-

cellor commander of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is the present chairman of the board of trustees of that congregation, of which board he has been a member for about ten years. On August 26, 1885, at Yorktown, Lewis D. Overmire was united in marriage to Emma E. Erther, who was born in that village, March 10, 1866, a daughter of Jacob and Isabel (Daugherty) Erther, the latter of whom was born in Mt. Pleasant township, in 1842, a daughter of William Daugherty. Jacob Erther, mentioned above as a one-time partner of Henry Overmire, was a native of Germany, born in the Rhinepfaltz in 1834, a son of John and Margaret (Dahl) Erther. When he was seventeen years of age he came to this country and after awhile located at New Boston, in Scioto county, Ohio, where he remained until in 1859 when he came over into Indiana and located at Yorktown, in this county. He was married here in the next year and established his home at Yorktown, where he and his wife reared a family of nine children. During the natural gas boom days Jacob Erther was an active figure in the Yorktown Gas Company and was one of the promoters of the ill-fated West Muncie addition project, concerning which more is related elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Overmire have four children, namely: Gladys M., who married Howard Warfel and has one child, Miriam Elaine; Mildred Lucile, wife of Dr. H. M. Hamilton. a veterinary surgeon; Donald E. Overmire, who married Lillie Garner, and Vernon E. Overmire.

CARLTON C. SMITH, a substantial farmer and landowner of Union township, residing on rural mail route No. 2 out of Eaton, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the old families here and has lived in this county all his life. Mr. Smith was born on a farm in Union township in 1888 and is a son of Henry and Lucinda (Headrick) Smith, both members of pioneer families in this section of Indiana, the latter born in the neighboring county of Madison, in 1850, daughter and only child of Daniel and Anna (Thomas) Headrick, the latter of whom was born in Miami county, Ohio, and the former, in the state of Maryland, who in the '40s of the past century became residents of Madison county, this state. In 1850 the Headricks moved over into Delaware county and settled in Union township, where Daniel Headrick spent the remainder of his life, being sixty-five years of age at the time of his death. Henry Smith was born in Miami county, Ohio, in 1839, a son of David and Catherine (Roderick) Smith, the latter of whom was born in 1814, a daughter of John Roderick, who was born in Maryland, reared in

Virginia and who became a resident of Ohio, whence in 1846 he moved over here into Indiana and became a pioneer in Union township, this county. David Smith also was born in Miami county, Ohio, in 1811, a son of Henry Smith, who had moved from North Carolina to Ohio. David Smith grew up in Miami county, Ohio, where he married and where he remained until in 1842, when he came to Delaware county and established his home on a woodland "eighty" he had bought in section 8 of Union township. There he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. He died in 1874 and she survived him for thirty years, her death occurring in 1904. This pioneer couple were the parents of eight children, of whom Henry Smith was the fifth in order of birth. Henry Smith was but three years of age when he came to Delaware county with his parents in 1842. He grew up on the home farm in Union township and some time after attaining his majority took a mine prospecting trip through the west but presently returned home and bought a quarter of a section of land in Union township, where after his marriage in the spring of 1869 to Lucinda Headrick he established his home. As time passed he increased his holdings until he became the owner of more than 400 acres of land thereabout. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers State Bank of Eaton and in other ways was influential in community development, serving for some time as trustee of Union township. He and his wife were the parents of four children, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Dora, who married Roland Landis, and Stella, wife of William A. Strong, and one brother, Robert E. Smith, who married Minnie Pierce. Reared on the home farm in Union township, Carlton C. Smith received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and from the days of his boyhood has been devoted to farming. In 1907 he married Maude Clements and he and his wife have one child, a son, Melvin Smith. Mrs. Smith also was born in this county and is a member of one of the pioneer families here, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Shaffer) Clements, the latter of whom was born in Ohio, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Shoemaker) Shaffer, Pennsylvanians, who many years ago came to Indiana and established their home in Delaware county. Joseph Clements was born in this county, a son of David and Hannah Clements, the former of whom was a son of Basil Clements, one of the real pioneers of Delaware county. David Clements was a soldier of the Union during the time of the Civil war, a member of Company E of the 8th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and died in service in an army hospital at St. Louis on August 12, 1863. To Joseph and Elizabeth (Shaffer) Clements were born five children,

Mrs. Smith having two sisters, Minnie and Lottie, and two brothers, Elmer and Chester Clements, the latter of whom is a veteran of the World war with an overseas record, his military service having been rendered with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

WILBUR H. POLHEMUS, funeral director at Daleville and dealer in furniture and house furnishings at that place, also a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life, a resident of Daleville since the days of his young manhood. Mr. Polhemus was born on a farm in Delaware township on April 29, 1879, and is a son of William and Sarah Ann (Sipe) Polhemus, both of whom were born in Ohio, where they were married. William Polhemus came into Delaware county in the late '60s and aided in the construction of the Lake Erie & Western railroad and after that labor was performed established his home on a farm in Delaware township and here spent the remainder of his life. He developed a good farm and became the owner of about 160 acres, a part of which he cleared. He was progressive in his methods and it is said that he was the owner of the first spring wagon used in his neighborhood. William Polhemus and wife were the parents of nine children, all of whom are living save one daughter, Effie, who died at the age of nineteen years, the subject of this sketch, the eighth in order of birth, having three sisters, Ida, Nettie and Cora, and four brothers, Oscar, Aaron, Preston and Roscoe. The Rev. Oscar Polhemus is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Brooklyn, Ind., and the Rev. Preston Polhemus is pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church at Ft. Wayne, Ind. Aaron Polhemus is a groceryman at Muncie and Roscoe Polhemus is a railway mail clerk on the Pennsylvania lines from Cincinnati to Chicago. Reared on the home farm in Delaware township, Wilbur H. Polhemus received his early schooling in district No. 4 of that township and finished his schooling in the Daleville high school. He then began teaching school and was for three winters thus engaged, teaching in Washington, Harrison and Salem townships. He then entered the Myers College of Embalming at Springfield, Ohio, graduating in 1900. Later he took a post-graduate course in Barnes College at Chicago. Following his graduation Mr. Polhemus bought the established undertaking business of Christopher Hollinger at Daleville and has ever since been funeral director for that community and the neighborhood thereabout, his services being called for not only throughout that section of Delaware county but throughout the adjacent sections of the neighboring counties of Henry and Madison.

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Mr. Polhemus has taken post-graduate work in a number of other schools from time to time as new phases of his profession were developed, keeping him in touch with the latest methods in the mortuary art. Upon entering business at Daleville, Mr. Polhemus formed a partnership with the Rev. E. L. Jones, an association which continued for eighteen years, or until in 1918, when Mr. Polhemus bought his partner's interest in the business and has since been carrying on alone. In 1908 the partners opened a store at Yorktown and continued the same for three years, with Mr. Jones in charge. When they took over the old Hollinger undertaking establishment in 1900 they put in a stock of furniture and this has ever since been maintained at Daleville, Mr. Polhemus now having in addition to his well equipped undertaking establishment a full line of furniture, stoves, rugs and general house furnishing goods and also sells pianos. Mr. Polhemus has for years taken an active interest in the service of the Methodist Episcopal church and is a licensed "local" preacher of that church. He also served one year on the board of trustees of Taylor University, and at present is one of the "Legal Hundred" of this college. He has been twice married. His first wife, Lenna J. Moneyhun, died in 1920, leaving one child, a daughter, Pharaba, and he later married Martha E. Shirey. Miss Pharaba Polhemus is now a student in Taylor University at Upland, Ind.

SULLIVAN NORTON SMITH, who died at his home in Muncie in 1914 and whose widow is still living here, maintaining her home at 702 Wheeling avenue, had been a resident of Muncie since 1896 and during this period of residence had impressed himself distinctly upon the business community. Mr. Smith was a native of the great Empire state, born at Onondaga, New York, in 1836, and was a son of Sullivan Norton and Eleanor (Wright) Smith, who had two children, the subject of this memorial sketch having had a sister, Eleanor, wife of Wing T. Parker. Sullivan Norton Smith (I) was a son of Reuben and Jemima (House) Smith. The name Sullivan was given to him in honor of the distinguished Indian fighter, General Sullivan, who was a friend of the family, and he carried the name on in the family when he named his son. Sullivan Norton Smith (II) was reared at Auburn, N. Y. He completed his schooling at Alfred Academy (N. Y.) and as a young man became a traveling salesman, with headquarters at Cincinnati; later locating at St. Louis in the wholesale and retail drug trade. In 1873 he became engaged in the manufacture of proprietary medicines at Dayton, Ohio, where he remained until in 1896, when he moved to Muncie and established his

business here. In this line he continued engaged the rest of his life, his death occurring on April 4, 1914. Mr. Smith was active in business and was regarded as a civic "booster" in the interests of Muncie, a member of the old Citizens Enterprise Association and in other ways helpful in promoting the common interest here. In 1871, at Terre Haute, Ind., Sullivan Norton Smith was united in marriage to Emma C. Barbour, who was born at that place, a daughter of Cromwell Wolsey and Derexa (Whitcomb) Barbour, the latter of whom was born near Eaton, Ohio, daughter of Benjamin Raymond and Anna (Sutton) Whitcomb, who later became residents of Clinton, Ind. Benjamin Raymond Whitcomb was long engaged in the pork-packing business at Clinton, sending his products on flat boats to New Orleans. He was a cousin of James Whitcomb, of Terre Haute, Governor of Indiana (1843-48) and at the time of his death United States senator from this state. The Whitcombs are of Vermont colonial stock and some of them were active in the Revolution. Cromwell Wolsey Barbour was born in New York state, a son of Daniel Barbour, also of colonial stock. The Barbours were Tories, having grants of land "from sea to sea." To Cromwell Wolsey Barbour and wife were born ten children, Mrs. Smith having five sisters, Mary, Louise, Susan, Jennie and Florence, and two brothers, Wolsey Raymond and Albert Barbour, who lived to maturity. To Sullivan Norton and Emma C. (Barbour) Smith were born three daughters, Eleanor Louise, who is a graduate of Vassar College; Sue Derexa, now deceased, who was an accomplished violinist, and Marie Frances, a graduate of Oxford College at Oxford, Ohio, who married Myron H. Gray, a Muncie attorney. Eleanor Louise Smith is organist of the Universalist church at Muncie and is active in the work of the local Matinee Musicale.

RENZO SHOOK, a substantial farmer and landowner of Union township, proprietor of a well improved farm on rural mail route No. 2 out of Eaton, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life. Mr. Shook was born on a farm in Ripley county, Indiana, in 1876, and is a son of David and Sarah (Jackson) Shook, both of whom were born in that same county, members of pioneer families there, the latter a daughter of Samuel Jackson, who was a soldier of the Union during the Civil war. David Shook, a son of Lorenzo Shook, moved from Ripley county to Tipton county with his family in 1881 and established his home on a farm in the latter county. To him and his wife were born eight children, all of whom are living save the first born, a son, Martin. Besides the subject of

this sketch there are three other sons, Elmer, Willard and Elbert Shook, and three daughters, Nora, wife of William Smith; Bernice, wife of Ira Nelson, and Flora Shook. Renzo Shook was but five years of age when his parents moved to Tipton county and he was reared there, receiving his schooling in the schools of that county. He then became engaged in farming in Howard county and seven years later moved to West Tipton, where he remained until in the spring of 1913, when he came to Delaware county and bought what is known as the old Evans place, a farm of 240 acres in the Eaton neighborhood, and has since resided on that farm. In addition to his general farming Mr. Shook gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock. He has made numerous improvements on this farm since coming into possession of the same and now has a well equipped farm plant there. In 1903 Renzo Shook was united in marriage to Bessie McDole, daughter of Pierce and Sarah (Campbell) McDole, of Stockwell, Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and to this union three children have been born, a daughter, Gladys, and two sons, Donald and David Shook. The late Pierce McDole, father of Mrs. Shook, was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and was a son of Sampson McDole, an Ohioan, who when a young man had come to Indiana and settled in the Stockwell neighborhood. Pierce McDole grew up in Tippecanoe county and after his marriage in 1872 to Sarah Campbell became established as a farmer there and became the owner of 135 acres of land. He died in 1918 and his widow is still living in Tippecanoe county. They were the parents of seven children, those besides Mrs. Shook being Harry, Dora, Myrtle, Everett, Goldie (deceased), and Arthur.

JOHN ANDERSON, who died at his home in Muncie more than ten years ago, had for years been engaged in the dairy business here and thus had a wide acquaintance in the city and throughout the county, and at his passing left a good memory. Mr. Anderson was born in the vicinity of the city of Baltimore, Md., and was a son of William and Mary (Kimball) Anderson. He was reared there and not long after attaining his majority married Margaret S. Harrington. When twenty-three years of age he came to Indiana and located at Cambridge City, whence he presently came to Muncie, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Upon coming to Muncie Mr. Anderson became engaged in the dairy business and was thus engaged the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1913. His widow survived him for seven years, her death occurring in 1920. They had four children, two sons, Charles H. and George H. Anderson, and two daughters, Mary E. and Martha, the latter

of whom married Charles Cushing and has three children, J. Howard, Mary A. and John. Miss Mary E. Anderson, formerly deputy city clerk and present clerk of the board of works of the city of Muncie, was reared at Muncie and the schooling she received in the public schools was supplemented by a course in the normal school and a commercial course and she became an expert stenographer, with special reference to law work. For some years she was employed as stenographer in law offices about town, this service including employment in the leading law offices of the town, and then she was appointed deputy to the city clerk, a form of public service which she continued to render until her appointment to her present position as clerk of the board of works, with offices in the Wysor building. Miss Anderson resides at 715 East Jackson street. She is a Republican and is an active member of the Muncie Business Women's Professional Club, one of the most alert organizations of its kind in Indiana. Miss Anderson's schooling included competent instruction in music and she formerly and for some years was engaged here as a music teacher, with particular reference to the piano.

WILLIAM WRIGHT SHIRK, merchant and banker, who died at his home in Muncie in 1912, had for nearly forty years been one of the active figures in the commercial life of this community and at his passing left a good memory. Mr. Shirk was a native Hoosier, a member of one of the pioneer families of Franklin county, and had resided in this state all his life. He was born at Brookville, Ind., in 1850, and was a son of Andrew and Sarah (Wright) Shirk, the former of whom was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Stout) Shirk, who were among the pioneers of that community. Andrew Shirk and wife were the parents of seven children, the subject of this memorial sketch having had two sisters, Mary, who married Dr. W. S. Williams, and Martha, who married Charles F. Goodwin, and four brothers—Elbert Shirk, who became a banker at Tipton; James A. Shirk, a banker at Delphi; John C. Shirk, a banker at Brookville, and George M. Shirk, a manufacturer at Chicago. The Shirk name thus came to be widely known in banking circles in Indiana. Andrew Shirk was a farmer. William Wright Shirk completed his schooling in the old Granville College and at Lebanon, Ohio, and then for a time was connected with the operations of his uncle, Elbert Shirk, in the banking and hardware business. In 1874, when twenty-three years of age, his father established him in the hardware business at Muncie, where he ever after resided, establishing his home here after

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his marriage a few years later, and where his widow is still living. The old hardware store was carried on under the firm name of Shirk & Son, and after the death of his father, William W. Shirk continued the business as sole proprietor. When the gas "boom" came on in the late 80's he was on the ground here and his business expanded to meet the new demands then made on all lines of commercial and industrial endeavor. His commercial activities extended into other lines and he became president of the old Home Savings Association and a member of the board of directors of the Union National Bank, while he also did his part in the general rebuilding of the city, the Shirk building on Jackson street being one of the continuing evidences of his civic enterprise, his interest in the city's general affairs continuing to the time of his death on June 14, 1912. He was a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. It was in 1880 that William Wright Shirk was united in marriage to Laura E. Franklin, of Muncie, who survives him and who continues to make her home at Muncie, residing at 722 East Main street. Mrs. Shirk has three children, a daughter, Emily Wright, and two sons, Franklin E. Shirk, a veteran of the World war, and Carl Andrew Shirk, who is engaged in the real estate business, with offices in the Anthony building. In 1916, Emily Wright Shirk was united in marriage to Francis A. Hanley, of Muncie, also a veteran of the World war, now connected with the Delaware Car and Tractor Company at 333 East Main street. Mr. and Mrs. Hanley reside at 105 Pershing Drive. They have two sons, Marshall E. and Francis A., Jr. Franklin E. Shirk, now living at Richmond, Ind., connected with the North Star Refrigerator Company, married Helen M. Matthews in 1912, and has two children, Mary Louise and William Wright. Mrs. Laura E. Shirk is a member of one of the real pioneer families of Delaware county, the Franklins having been represented here since 1831. She was born on a farm not far southeast of Muncie, but was reared in the city, her father having moved to town when she was a child in order to secure better school advantages for his children. Her father, Pearson W. Franklin, was born in Clark county, Ohio, in 1826, and was thus but five years of age when in 1831 his parents, James and Catherine (Stover) Franklin, came to Delaware county with their family and settled on an uncleared tract of timber farm land a little more than a mile southeast of the public square in Muncietown, where they established their home and proceeded to make a farm in the wilderness. James Franklin, the pioneer, was a Virginian, born in Botetourt county, in the Old Dominion, and resided

there until after his marriage in the early '20s, when he moved over into Ohio and located at Springfield, in Clark county, whence in 1831 he moved to Delaware county and took up the task of creating a farm in the wilderness, a part of that farm now and for years past being within the present corporate limits of Muncie. On that place he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, he being seventy-one years of age at the time of his death and she, sixty. They reared a family of eight children, three daughters and five sons, and the Franklin connection of this family in the present generation is thus a considerable one. Pearson W. Franklin grew up on that farm, doing his part in the task of clearing and developing, and in time became a farmer on his own account in that same neighborhood, where he established his home following his marriage in 1855 to Emily Dragoo, who also had come into this county in the days of her childhood, her parents, William and Elizabeth (Prunty) Dragoo, also Virginians, having been among the pioneers here, as is set out elsewhere. P. W. Franklin developed a good farm and in his generation was one of the representative farmers of the county, making his home in town, as noted above, and in time taking part in city development. He died in 1918. Had he lived thirteen days more he would have been ninety-two years of age. To him and his wife were born four children, the daughter, Mrs. Shirk, and three sons, Carl P., Lone A., and Cary Franklin.

OMER C. MORRIS, a well established grocer at Eaton and long recognized as one of the leading merchants of that town, was born at Eaton, a member of one of the old families of Delaware county, and has lived there all his life. Mr. Morris was born in 1881 and is a son of John D. and Martha J. (Long) Morris, the latter of whom also was born at Eaton, in the days when that now thriving town was but a hamlet there along the river, a daughter of William A. and Anna (McLaughlin) Long, who were pioneers of that community. Both William A. Long and his wife were natives of Ohio, the former born in Clinton county in 1815 and the latter, in Logan county, in 1823. They had come over here into Delaware county with their respective parents in the '30s and were married here in the fall of 1841, then establishing their home on a farm which in time came to be included within the present confines of the city of Eaton. William A. Long was also engaged, during the '70s, in the mercantile business at Eaton. His wife died in 1864 and he died in 1883. Of the seven children born to this pioneer couple five grew to maturity and married and thus the Long connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one.

John D. Morris, a veteran of the Civil war, also was born in Ohio, in Fayette county, a son of Clement Morris, who came over here into Delaware county in settlement days and became widely known hereabout in his generation as the proprietor of the old wayside inn at Granville. John D. Morris grew up in this county and when the Civil war came on he went into the service of the Union army, going out as a member of Company B of the 84th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. After his marriage he established his home at Eaton. To him and his wife were born three sons, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, William W. Morris, now living at Kokomo, and Arthur Morris, of Eaton. Reared at Eaton, Omer C. Morris received his schooling in the local schools and early became engaged in the mercantile business at Eaton, a vocation he thus long has followed, proprietor of a well stocked and admirably equipped grocery store there. He married Irene Motsenbocker, daughter of William F. and Lillian (Harper) Motsenbocker, and has four children, Austin, Wayne, Crystal and John.

OLIVER McCULLOUGH, a substantial farmer and landowner of Union township, residing on rural mail route No. 2 out of Eaton, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Indiana for the past forty years and more. Mr. McCullough was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of the village of North Lewisburg in Champaign county, Ohio, in 1859, and is a son of David and Hester (Crowder) McCullough, both also natives of Ohio, the latter born in Union county, daughter of John Crowder and a sister of William Crowder, who was a soldier of the Union during the Civil war. This is the family of Crowders with which General Crowder of Civil war fame was affiliated. David McCullough was born in Champaign county, Ohio, a member of one of the pioneer families in that part of the state. To him and his wife were born eight children, of whom two are now living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Lawrence McCullough, now residing at Ft. Smith, Ark. In 1881 Oliver McCullough married Emeline Broderick, of Union county, Ohio, and established his home in Blackford county, Indiana, where he continued engaged in farming until in 1920, when he moved down into Delaware county and bought the farm on which he is now living in Union township, where he since has been carrying on his farming operations. Mr. and Mrs. McCullough have two daughters, Mrs. Angeline Armstrong and Mrs. Stella Crow. Mrs. McCullough was born in Union county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Huff) Broderick, the latter a daughter of Anthony Wayne and Elizabeth (Poling) Huff, the latter of whom was a daugh-

ter of Samuel and Sarah Poling, of Barbour county, West Virginia. Anthony Wayne Huff was born in Union county, Ohio, a son of William and Rebecca Huff, Virginians, who were among the pioneers of that county, and who are buried there. Isaac Broderick was born in the vicinity of the city of Marysville, in Union county, Ohio, and was a son of Isaac and Hannah (Woods) Broderick, the latter of whom was a member of a pioneer Indiana family, her parents having been among the early settlers at Kokomo. The senior Isaac Broderick was a son of Thomas and Bethany Broderick and was born at Burlington, N. J., where his parents had located in 1773. Thomas Broderick was the master of a sailing vessel which was engaged in the merchant trade between American and European ports and died at sea. His widow died in New Jersey. To Isaac and Sarah (Huff) Broderick were born eleven children, those besides Mrs. McCullough being Charles W., John Morrell, Samuel James, Isaac Walter, Emma, Evelyn, Benjamin Franklin, Ann Rebecca, William Sumner and Oliver E. One of the sons of this family, Samuel James Broderick, was a soldier of the Union during the Civil war.

CHARLES W. SWAIN, who died at his home in Muncie in 1921, for many years served the public in the Muncie postoffice and there were few men hereabout who had a wider acquaintance than he. Mr. Swain was born in Muncie, a member of one of the real pioneer families here, and had lived here all his life. He was born in the old Swain home at the northwest corner of High and Washington streets, on January 15, 1862, and was the son of Job and Emily (Shimer) Swain, the former of whom always will be kept in remembrance here as one of the real upbuilders of this community. Job Swain was a Tennesseean by birth, born on Lost creek in the Dandridge neighborhood in Jefferson county, Tennessee, January 20, 1806, and was but nine years of age when his parents, Elihu Swain and wife, earnest Quaker folk, in 1815 came up into what then was Indiana Territory and established their home in the Quaker settlement in Wayne county. There he grew to manhood and then, in 1828, the year after he had attained his majority, came up here and located at Muncietown which just the year before had been platted and declared the county seat of the new county of Delaware, which was erected in 1827. Job Swain was a stalwart man, above six feet in hight, had had good rearing and quickly became a force for good in the new settlement, evidences of which forceful influence will be noted in numerous instances in a perusal of the historical section of

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this work. Not long after coming here he married Nancy Hodge, a sister of James Hodge, the settlement's first justice of the peace, and then became associated with his brother-in-law in the business of manufacturing furniture, thus helping to establish the pioneer cabinet-making shop here, a vocation he followed for many years. When the Methodists effected a class here in 1839 he put in his lot with that society and was elected first class leader, a position in which he was retained until his death. In 1867 he was elected mayor of the then new city of Muncie, in succession to John Brady, first mayor of the city, and thus served a term in that important executive capacity. For more than twenty years he also occupied the office of justice of the peace and was holding that magisterial position at the time of his death on April 29, 1877. Job Swain was twice married. His first wife (Nancy Hodge) died in 1858, leaving six children—three sons, Orlando H., Elihu H. and James, and three daughters, Eliza, who died unmarried, Mrs. George W. Spilker and Mrs. William R. Maddy. On September 1, 1859, Mr. Swain married Mrs. Emily (Shimer) Shafer, who was born in the Chesterfield settlement in the neighboring county of Madison in 1826 and who was the widow of Andrew Shafer (Thomas S. Neely's partner in blacksmithing at Muncie) and a daughter of Jacob Shimer. To this latter union one child was born, a son, Charles W. Swain, the subject of this memorial sketch. Charles W. Swain was reared in Muncie and was graduated from the high school in 1881. Upon leaving school he became a clerk in the local postoffice and a few months later was appointed by John C. Eiler, then postmaster, to the position of chief clerk or assistant postmaster, a position he retained through successive appointments by the succeeding incumbents in the office of postmaster, for years. In the meantime he also served for years as chairman of the local board of civil service examiners, and also was for years the secretary of the local board of police commissioners. Some years after entering the postoffice Mr. Swain secured a leave of absence to enter Valparaiso University and in 1887 he was graduated from that institution. He died at his home in Muncie on January 30, 1921. In 1917 Charles W. Swain was united in marriage to L. Margaret Jewett, who survives him and who continues to make her home at Muncie, residing at 208 West Washington street. Mrs. Swain was born at Hagerstown, Ind., and is a daughter of Benjamin and Nancy J. (Williams) Jewett, the former of whom was born in the neighboring county of Randolph, a son of Parker Jewett, and the latter in Darke county, Ohio.

DR. WILLIAM T. EASTES, a veteran medical practitioner of Delaware county, for many years a resident of Gaston, where he is now living, is a native Hoosier of the real pioneer stock and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of this county for nearly fifty years. Doctor Eastes was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Mt. Comfort, in Hancock county, August 11, 1844, and is a son of Holman and Ruth (Webb) Eastes, the latter of whom was born in what is now Rush county, November 14, 1819, that having been a year prior to the opening of the lands now comprised within Rush for settlement and more than two years prior to the formal erection of that county, the Webbs having been among the earliest settlers in that region. Holman Eastes was born in what is now Union county, February 21, 1817, which was four years before that county was erected as a separate civic entity, his parents having been among the early pioneers on what then was the western frontier of settlement, for it was not until in the year following that the lands west in central Indiana were ceded to the government by the Indians. Before the lands in what is now Hancock county were all taken up Obediah Eastes, father of Holman Eastes, moved over into that part of the state, entered a tract of land for a home and there became a permanent resident. It was thus that Holman Eastes became a resident of Hancock county. In Rush county on December 22, 1836, he married Ruth Webb. He established his home in the Mt. Comfort neighborhood in Hancock county and there remained until in 1856, when he moved to the neighboring county of Madison and established his home on a farm in the Summitville neighborhood. In 1878 he disposed of his interests there and moved to the neighboring county of Grant, where his last days were spent, his death occurring on February 27, 1880. His widow survived him for more than twenty years, her death occurring on April 8, 1901. Holman Eastes was a Republican, a Methodist and a Freemason. For years he served his local public as justice of the peace and was widely known as 'Squire Eastes. To him and his wife were born eleven children, of whom three are still living, Doctor Eastes having two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Jane Kelsey and Mrs. Jessie E. Ward. The other members of this family were Lemuel F., Addison S., Lucinda A., Jasper Newton, Marshall T., Albert O., Meredith P., and Jerome S. William T. Eastes was about twelve years of age when his parents moved from Hancock county to Madison county and he grew up on the home farm in the Summitville neighborhood. He had good schooling and early became a school teacher, a profession he followed during the winters for six years. He married in his nineteenth year, his wife

being a seventeen-year-old girl, and carried on farming in addition to his school teaching. He also for two or three years kept store at Summitville, meanwhile giving his attention to the reading of medicine, had a couple of years of directed reading under the preceptorship of Dr. Peter Drager, of Hartford City, and then in 1878 established his home on a farm in the Ice and Broyles neighborhood in the northwestern part of Washington township, this county, where he also started as a medical practitioner, and there made his home for four years, meantime completing his medical studies in the Medical College of Indiana at Indianapolis and in 1881 was graduated from that institution. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor Eastes disposed of his farming interests and opened an office for the practice of medicine at Albany, this county. A year later he moved to Gaston (then known as New Corner) and after a sometime practice there moved to Muncie, where he was engaged in practice for eight years, at the end of which time he returned to Gaston, where he since has maintained his office, ranking after the late Doctor Bowles and the elder Doctor Kemper as among the oldest physicians in the county. Dr. William T. Eastes has been twice married. His first wife, Sarah C. Zedekar, died on August 30, 1919, and on January 19, 1922, he married Martha Rench, who died on January 1, 1923. Sarah C. (Zedekar) Eastes was born in Summitville, Ind., March 16, 1846, and on August 23, 1863, married William T. Eastes. She was a daughter of John M. and Catherine (Noland) Zedekar, Ohioans, the former of whom was born in 1808 and the latter, in 1812. John M. Zedekar was county commissioner many terms, and was enrolling officer preparing for the draft during the Civil war. He died at the age of sixty-seven. His widow survived him for many years and was eighty-four years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of ten children, five sons and five daughters, and the Zedekar connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one, even as is that of the Eastes family. To Dr. William T. and Sarah C. (Zedekar) Eastes were born nine children, Ida V., Arthur T., Dora A., Drusilla J. (deceased), Carrie E., Bessie A., Hattie E., Apphia M. and Lydia E., all of whom (except Drusilla) are living and married. Ida V. Eastes married William L. Corey and has two children, Harold and Edith. Arthur T. Eastes has been twice married, and by his first wife, Nellie Upton, has a daughter, Theadora. His second marriage was to Lillian Jansen. Dora R. A. Eastes married Albon C. Davis and has four children, Helen, Branson, Katharine and Albon Jr. Drusilla J. Eastes married Isaac Newton Miller and died leaving one child, a son, Claud.

Carrie E. C. Eastes married Norman Edward Lesley. Bessie A. Eastes has been twice married. Her first husband, George T. Thorpe, died leaving a son, Byron, and she then married Osker E. Wilbur. Hattie E. Eastes married Andrew Grogard, now deceased, and has five children, Ruth, Margaretta, Mildred, Andrew Jr. and Janie. Apphia M. Eastes married O. O. Shaw and has three children, Donald, Dean and Gene Merril. Ldia Ethel Eastes has been twice married. Her first husband was Samuel A. Taylor. Her second husband was Lawrence Langdon, now deceased. Arthur T. Eastes and six of his sisters formerly were engaged as teachers in the schools of Delaware county. Five of the Doctor's grandchildren are now school teachers. The combined number of school terms taught by the members of the family is about seventy-five at this date.

JOHN R. RETHERFORD, who died at his home in Muncie in February, 1921, had for many years been one of the most active and influential figures in the general social, civic, commercial and industrial life of Delaware county and at his passing left a good memory. It therefore is but fitting that in this definite history of the county in which he so long and so effectively labored, there should be carried some brief memorial in that behalf. Mr. Retherford was born on December 4, 1864, in the neighboring county of Madison, but had been a resident of Muncie for nearly thirty years, having moved over here from Anderson about the time the gas "boom" got going strong here in Muncie, and from the beginning of his residence here was a forceful figure in the general development of the community. He was a son of Robert and Nancy (Cook) Retherford, the latter of whom also was born in Indiana, in Union county, daughter of John and Anna (Willis) Cook, members of pioneer families in that county. Robert Retherford was a Kentuckian, born in Pike county in the old Blue Grass state, and was but a lad when his parents, John and Ann Retherford, moved with their family up into Indiana. After his marriage he became established on a farm in Madison county, became a substantial farmer and there spent his last days. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, those besides the subject of this memorial sketch being William A., Sarah Jane, Joseph M., Serilda, Marinda, Austin, Huldah and R. Milt Retherford, the latter of whom, present president of the Retherford Manufacturing Company of Muncie, formerly was associated in business with his brother, John, the founder of that business. John R. Retherford was reared on the home farm in Madison county, completed his schooling in the schools of Anderson and continued farming until the gas "boom" came on in

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the late '80s, when he became actively identified with the development of the local gas field in Indiana, securing many land leases in the promotion of that development. He also established a gas appliance plant at Anderson and in 1892 moved to Muncie, where, in association with his brother, R. Milt Retherford, he established the business now carried on by the Retherford Manufacturing Company, originally engaged in the manufacture of gas mantles and other appliances in the way of gas fixtures, but now giving its attention to the manufacture of electric lighting fixtures, stand lamps and the like. As his business prospered John R. Retherford became interested in farm development projects and in the movement to elevate the standard of live stock hereabout, and it was in this line of endeavor that he perhaps became best known, for he attained a national reputation as a breeder of fine cattle and swine, the products of his 500-acre Buck Creek farm having been shipped to every state in the Union and largely throughout Canada for breeding purposes. Jersey cattle and English Berkshire swine were Mr. Retherford's specialties and he is widely recognized as having been one of the foremost factors in the improvement of these strains in the United States and Canada. As a judge at cattle and swine shows, he became not only nationally known, but his services were called for in England as a judge. His interest in the improvement of farming methods is deeply reflected today in better conditions in this county, for as president of the Farmers Institute and for years one of the leaders of the county fair association, he did much to advance agricultural interests here. He had served as president of the Indiana State Jersey Cattle Club, was a director of the American Jersey Association and was ever diligent in promoting the interests of breeders throughout the country. He was a director of the Indiana State Division of the Travelers' Protective Association, an Elk and a member of the Muncie Rotary Club. As a director of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, he also took an active part in promoting local commercial and industrial development, and was a director of the Mutual Home Savings Association. He also was for years interested in local civic affairs, one of the leaders of the Republican party in Delaware county. In 1916 Mr. Retherford was elected a member of the board of county commissioners and was serving his second term in that office at the time of his death on February 9, 1921, he then being fifty-seven years of age. On October 14, 1888, John R. Retherford was united in marriage to Cora Lee, who was born at Anderson, Ind., daughter of Thomas and Isabel (Jones) Lee, of that city. Thomas Lee was born in Virginia and

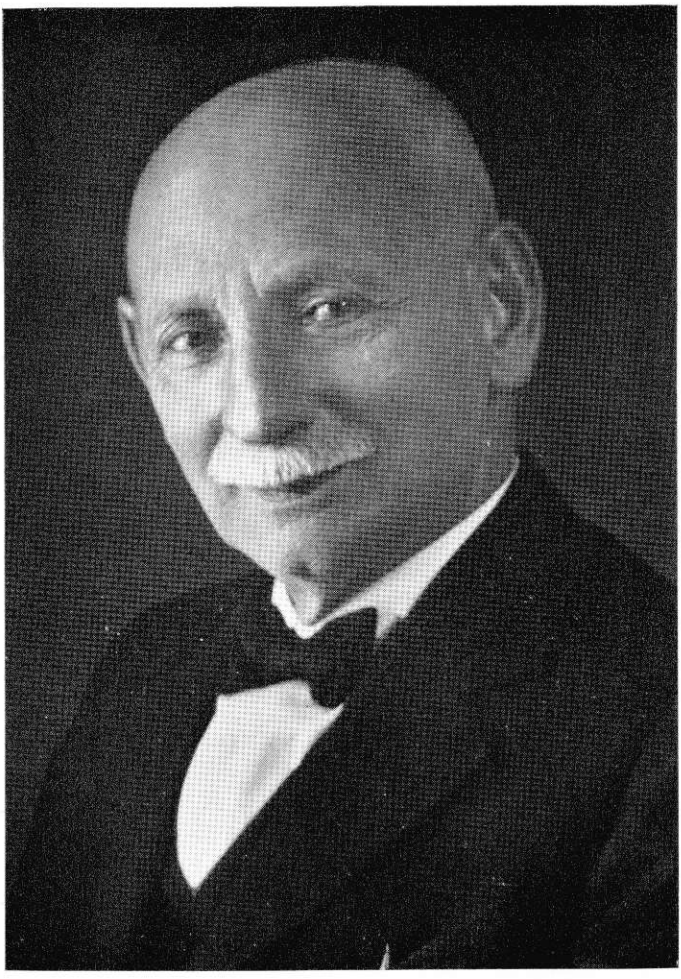
was a cousin of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Despite this kinship to the leader of the Confederate army, he was a soldier of the Union during the Civil war and his first meeting with Isabel Jones, who became his wife, was at General Grant's headquarters. To John R. and Cora (Lee) Retherford were born three sons, Clarence L., Earl F., and Vernon, the former of whom is living at Muncie, engaged in the breeding and importing of Jersey cattle, and in the real estate, oil, and banking business. Earl Franklin Retherford, whose name adorns the "gold star" roster of Delaware county men who died in service during the World war, was born at Muncie on December 10, 1895, and was a student at Purdue University, when this country took a hand in the World war in 1917. On November 30 of that year, at Chicago, he enlisted for service in the navy and was assigned to the radio service as electrician and company clerk. On March 21, 1918, while serving in the officers training school, he died of pneumonia at the Great Lakes Training Station. His body was brought to Muncie for burial and he was given a military funeral. He was a member of the college fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta. Clarence L. Retherford completed his schooling at the Agricultural College of Purdue University, member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and then became associated with his father in the manufacturing business and in the management of the great Buck Creek farm, to the latter of which he now is giving his chief attention, though having other interests, both civic and commercial, and is also largely interested in oil development projects, with offices at 9 the Anthony building. When his father died he was appointed to succeed him on the board of county commissioners, to fill out the unexpired term, and upon the completion of that term of service was elected a member of the county council. He is associated with the Agricultural Extension Department at Washington, is president of the Delaware County Farmers Institute, vice president of the county fair association, a director of the Indiana Jersey Cattle Club, a director of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, a member of the directorate of the Merchants National Bank of Muncie, a former director of the Delaware Country Club, a director of the local Young Men's Christian Association, and a past president of the Muncie Ad Club. He also is affiliated with the local Rotary Club, is a Freemason and a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Clarence L. Retherford married Jane Stewart, daughter of William B. and Jessie (Henderson) Stewart, and has two children, Marjory and William Stewart Rether-

ford. He and his family reside at 905 East Adams street. Mrs. John R. Retherford, who survives her husband, resides at 323 East Adams street.

JAMES L. MORGAN, formerly and for years engaged in the livery business at Muncie and now a farmer and landowner of Hamilton township, residing on the Studebaker pike, rural mail route No. 2 out of Muncie, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Delaware county for thirty years. Mr. Morgan was born on a farm in the Danville neighborhood in Hendricks county, Indiana, September 10, 1868, and is a son of James W. and Matilda (Sanders) Morgan, the latter of whom was born in Kentucky and both of whom spent their last days in Muncie. The late James W. Morgan, a former representative in the Legislature from Hendricks county, was born in a little log stable in that county, a son of Wesley Morgan, one of the pioneers of Hendricks county, who had entered his lands in that county but had not yet got his cabin up when the son was born. James W. Morgan grew up in that county, became a considerable landowner and also was for years engaged as a live stock buyer, buying not only for the local market at Danville but for the packers at the stock yards at Indianapolis. For two terms he represented his county in the lower house of the Indiana General Assembly. In 1894 he disposed of his interests in Hendricks county and moved to Muncie, where he became engaged in the livery business and where also for years he held the street sprinkling contract with the city. He also was widely known as a judge of live stock. James W. Morgan died on January 17, 1909, and his widow survived him for nearly thirteen years, her death occurring on December 31, 1921. They were the parents of seven children. Reared on the home farm in Hendricks county, James L. Morgan received his schooling in the local schools and was from the days of his boyhood a participant in his father's operations as a farmer and stockman. When in 1894 the family moved to Muncie he continued this association with his father, carrying on the livery business and the street-sprinkling contract, and continued to make his home at Muncie until in the summer of 1920, when he bought his present place of forty-three acres on the Studebaker pike in Hamilton township and has since lived here. He and his wife have one child, a son, James Morgan, who is a member of the class of 1924, Royerton high school. Mrs. Morgan also was born in Hendricks county (Azalia Norton) and is a daughter of William and Martha (Pearcy) Norton, the latter of whom was born in that same county, a member of one of the pioneer families there. Wil-

liam Norton, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Morgan county and during the time of the Civil war rendered service as a soldier of the Union, a member of Company A, 117th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Upon the completion of his military service he became engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Danville, Ind., and was thus engaged for many years or until his retirement. Mrs. Morgan has three brothers, Charles, Ernest and Wilbur Norton. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are members of the First Presbyterian church at Muncie.

MOSES HENE, veteran dry goods merchant of Muncie, has been engaged in business in that city for forty-one years and has thus been a witness of and a participant in the amazing development that has taken place in the commercial life of the city since he arrived there. Mr. Hene is of European birth. In the days of his young manhood he came to the United States and proceeding on out into Indiana, located at Lafayette, where he presently became engaged in the mercantile business and where he remained until in 1883, when he disposed of his interests there and moved to Muncie, where he ever since has been engaged in the dry goods business, one of the best known merchants in that line in eastern Indiana. Upon coming to Muncie Mr. Hene opened a store in Main street, but five years later (in 1888) found his quarters there inadequate to the demands of his expanding business and he then became established in his present quarters at 120 South Walnut street, where he ever since has been engaged in business, a period of more than thirty-five years, and where he has in stock everything to meet the demands of his trade in the dry goods and cloak and suits line, his son, John K. Hene, now being associated with him in business. Mr. Hene is one of the active supporters of the local Jewish temple at Muncie and is a past president of the local lodge of the society of the B'nai B'rith. In 1885 Moses Hene was united in marriage to Rosa Maas, daughter of John and Henrietta Maas, of Hamilton, Ohio, and to this union were born three children, two daughters, Cleone and Loretta, and one son, John K., the latter of whom, as noted above, is associated with his father in the dry goods business at Muncie. Cleone Hene married Dr. Edgar F. Kiser, of Indianapolis, and has two children, Caroline and Fannie. During the time of this country's participation in the World war, Doctor Kiser served as a captain in the Medical Corps of the army. Loretta Hene married E. Feibelman, of Terre Haute, Ind., and has two children, Corrine and Ruth. John K. Hene completed his schooling in the Howe Military Academy at Howe, Ind., and upon leaving



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school became associated with his father in the latter's old established business at Muncie. He is the present "tail twister" of the Lions Club at Muncie. He married Etta Amster, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and resides in the Canopic apartments.

AUGUST A. BRAUN, formerly and for years the proprietor of the Braun hotel and at the time of his death in 1921 proprietor of the Kirby hotel, had been a resident of Muncie since the days of his youth and thus had a wide acquaintance throughout the city and county. Mr. Braun was a native of the Empire state, born in the vicinity of the village of Croshecton in Sullivan county, New York, June 26, 1871, and was a son of Andrew and Anna (Klopfer) Braun, both natives of Germany and the latter of whom is still living, making her home at Muncie, where she has resided for the past forty years. The late Andrew Braun, founder of the Braun hotel at Muncie, and Anna Klopfer were married at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and later established their home on a farm in the Croshecton neighborhood in Sullivan county, New York, where they resided until in 1885 when they came to Indiana and located at Muncie. Here they bought the old Abbott hotel, an eight-room frame building which had been erected before the days of the Civil war at the northeast corner of Washington and Mulberry streets, present site of the Braun hotel, and became established in the hotel business. Mrs. Anna Braun was a notable cook, Andrew Braun was a genial host and the combination quickly brought to the hotel a degree of popularity that necessitated improvement and enlargement. In the '90s several additions were made to the hotel and then in 1903 the old ante-bellum structure was torn down to make way for the present four-story brick since operated as the Braun hotel. Andrew Braun died in 1907 and, as stated above, his widow is still living. They were the parents of two children, the subject of this memorial sketch having had a sister, Mary. The late August A. Braun was about fourteen years of age when the Brauns came to Muncie and the later schooling he received in the local schools here was supplemented by a course in the Muncie Business College, after which he devoted himself to the office of the hotel, his father presently turning over to him the management of the same, and after his father's death he took charge of the house, continuing thus to operate the old hotel until he and A. L. Thornburg bought the Kirby hotel. When Thornburg retired from the Kirby to go over to the Roberts hotel Mr. Braun bought his partner's interest in the Kirby and was thus operating the latter hotel as sole proprietor until his death on January 29, 1921. He also was the owner of a farm of 105 acres in

this county and to the management of this farm gave close attention. Mr. Braun was a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and was also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, as is his widow, who survives him. It was on October 30, 1916, that August A. Braun was united in marriage to Edith Kennett and to this union were born two children, a daughter, Martha Sue, and a son, James August Braun. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Braun has continued to make her home at Muncie, now residing at 1129 South Jefferson street. She was born at Muncie and is a daughter of Ernest and Maria (Arnold) Kennett, the latter a daughter of Robert and Mary E. (Eaton) Arnold. Robert Arnold was a Virginian, a son of Joseph Arnold and wife, the latter of whom was a Bances, also of an old Virginian family. Mary E. Eaton was born in Ripley county, Indiana, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Stuart) Eaton. Ernest Kennett was born at Versailles, in Ripley county, Indiana, a son of Joseph and Arabella (Bocock) Kennett, and to him and his wife were born two children, Mrs. Braun having had a brother, Elbert Kennett, now deceased.

ARMSTEAD M. KLEIN, a former jeweler at Muncie and now engaged in the real estate business in that city, was born in Muncie, a member of one of the real pioneer families of the town, and has lived there all his life. Mr. Klein was born on November 8, 1873, and is a son of Henry C. and Caroline (Spilker) Klein, the latter of whom was a daughter of George W. and Sophronia (Smith) Spilker, who became residents of Muncie in 1842, when the place still was known by its pioneer name of Muncietown, and concerning whom further reference is made elsewhere in this work. The late Henry C. Klein, a veteran of the Civil war and concerning whom further and fitting mention also is made elsewhere in this volume, also was born at Muncie, and was a son of Armstead Mason and Sarah E. (Ethell) Klein, the latter of whom was a daughter of John Ethell, one of the early postmasters of Muncie, as is told elsewhere. Armstead Mason Klein, Muncie's first jewelry merchant, was a Virginian who had learned the jewelry trade in his native state and who in 1838, the year following his marriage in Ohio, came over here and settled in Muncietown, where he became established as a jeweler and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1888. His eldest son, Henry C. Klein, served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil war, a member of the 19th regiment,

Indiana Volunteer Infantry, a unit of the famous "Iron Brigade," and upon the completion of his military service became associated with his father in the jewelry trade at Muncie and in 1878 became proprietor of the store, which business he maintained until his death in 1908, as is set out elsewhere in this work. Armstead M. Klein, third in order of birth of the four sons of Henry C. Klein, "grew up" to the jewelry business and from the days of his boyhood was associated with the store which had been founded by his grandfather, whose name he bears. Following his father's death he retained his interest in the store until in 1914, when he disposed of that interest and has since been engaged in the real estate business at Muncie. Mr. Klein is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He married Maude Johnson, daughter of Overton A. Johnson, of Muncie, and resides at 309 South Franklin street.

GEORGE J. MILLER, a retired glass manufacturer at Eaton, where he has made his home since the beginning of the days of the natural gas "boom" here thirty years and more ago, is a European by birth but has been a resident of this country since the days of his childhood and thus regards himself as much an American citizen as though "native and to the manner born." Mr. Miller was born in Germany in 1863 and was five years of age when, in 1868, he came to this country with his parents, John G. and Elizabeth (Fraser) Miller, the family locating at Lacrosse, Wis. Not long afterward John G. Miller moved with his family to Pilot Knob, Mo., and thence, after the death of his wife, to Pittsburg, Pa. He subsequently moved to a farm in Pike county, Ohio., where he lived until his retirement and his last days were spent at Swayzee, Ind. He and his wife had three children, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Mrs. Theresa Baker and Mrs. Eliza Simon. When the Miller family moved to Pittsburg George J. Miller became employed in one of the glass factories there and thus became introduced to the glass industry, which he afterward followed the rest of his active life. When the glass industry became an important factor in the industrial development of Eaton following the opening of the natural gas field here in the late '80s, Mr. Miller became interested in the operations of the Western Flint Glass Company, whose factory at Eaton was for years an important unit in the industrial life of that city, was a part owner of the big plant erected there by this company and was manager of the concern, the chief product of which was flint glass bottles. For fifteen years Mr. Miller continued as manager of this bottle factory, or until the gradual decline of the pressure of natural

gas brought about a new condition in the local manufacturing field, and since then has continued to make his home in Eaton, where in 1914 he erected a fine new home of modern type. George J. Miller married Marilla Johnson, daughter of Thomas Johnson, of Quaker City, Ohio, and he and his wife have one child, a daughter, Louine, wife of Carl Bimel, one of the leading manufacturers of Portland, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Miller is a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

NORMAN E. BLACK, who for years had been engaged in the hardware business at Selma, and whose last days were spent at Muncie where he was engaged in the real estate business, was a native Hoosier and all his life was spent in this state, a resident of Delaware county from the days of his childhood. Mr. Black was born on a farm in Wayne county, Indiana, in 1848, and was a son of John and Mary (Weaver) Black, members of pioneer families in that county, the Blacks having come into Indiana from Pennsylvania in settlement days. John Black was a farmer. In the early '50s he came with his family to Delaware county and established his home in the Selma neighborhood. He and his wife were the parents of five children, the subject of this memorial sketch having had a sister, Emma J., and three brothers, Luther, Silas and James L. Black. Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Selma, Norman E. Black received his schooling in the Selma schools. He married at the age of twenty-three and not long afterward became engaged in the carriage manufacturing business at Selma and also became the proprietor of a hardware store there. In 1889, following the opening of the natural gas field here, Mr. Black disposed of his interests at Selma and moved to Muncie, where he became engaged in the real estate business and was thus engaged here the remainder of his life, his death occurring on September 22, 1910. It was in 1871 that Norman E. Black was united in marriage to Harriet Miller, of this county, who has continued to make her home at Muncie since her husband's death, residing at 218 South Liberty street. Mrs. Black was born in Delaware county and is a daughter of William and Anna (Janney) Miller, both members of pioneer families in this county, for both the Millers and the Janneys have been here since settlement days. William Miller was born in Stark county, Ohio, and was but a lad when he came to this county with his parents, Jacob and Susanna (Castor) Miller, the family settling in Harrison township. William Miller and wife had five children, Mrs. Black having two sisters, Emily and Susanna, and

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two brothers, Jacob and John Miller, both of the latter of whom served as soldiers of the Union during the Civil war. Mrs. Black has four children, one daughter, Susie, and three sons, Earl, Harry and Clair Black. Susie Black married William Williams, present postmaster at Muncie, and has four children, Henry W., Harriette, Johanna and Claude. Earl Black married Hannah Miller and has one child, a daughter, Josephine. Harry Black married Evelyn Voile.

MOSES EUGENE BLACK, assistant cashier of the Delaware County National Bank of Muncie and one of the directors and the treasurer of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the real pioneer families here, and has been a resident of this county all his life. Mr. Black was born at Blacks Mills, on the left bank of the Mississinewa in section 8 of Delaware township, about eight miles north and east of Muncie, August 4, 1880, and is a son of Andrew and Christina (Peterson) Black, the latter of whom was born in Green county, Ohio, November 22, 1837, daughter of Moses and Malinda Peterson, who were pioneers of that county. Andrew Black, who was for many years widely known throughout this region as the proprietor of Black's Mills in Delaware township, was born in Clark county, Ohio, March 9, 1837, a son of John and Margaret (Stafford) Black, the latter of whom was born in that same county, January 25, 1809, a daughter of George and Catherine (Fair) Stafford. John Black and Margaret Stafford were married in Clark county (Ohio) on February 28, 1828, and made their home at New Carlisle in that county until in 1837, when they moved over here with their family and settled on a tract of land which had been entered there along the river by John Boyles, the pioneer miller of that section of the county, and which John Black bought from Boyles. The house which John Black built on that tract in 1840 was for many years regarded as the most substantial dwelling in that part of the county. In 1847 he erected on the left bank of the river, opposite the site of the old Boyles mill, a four story mill which for more than sixty years served the community. The water power plant which he erected there served not only to run the flour mill but operated a saw mill which he also erected and which in its day was a valuable industry, Blacks Mills long having been regarded as a real community center in that part of the county. John Black continued in the milling business until his death on June 30, 1868. His widow survived him for almost eight years, her death occurring on June 13, 1876. They had four children, Andrew, Susanna J., George F. and Catherine, the latter of whom married Robert Brammer. Andrew Black was but an infant when his par-

ents settled here in 1837 and he grew to manhood at Blacks Mills, farming and milling in his father's behalf. In 1865 he took charge of the mill and continued to operate it for more than forty years, or until changing conditions of manufacture and distribution began to make the local milling industry an unprofitable one. He was the owner of a farm of about 400 acres. Andrew Black was twice married. In the spring of 1851 he married Mary E. Fishburn, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, and who died on October 6, 1866, leaving six children, David A., Margaret E., John F., Martha, Catherine A. and Clara. On February 25, 1868, Andrew Black married Christina Peterson and to this latter union three children were born, the subject of this sketch (the last born) and Charles E. Black and Mrs. Mary Bryan. Andrew Black died on August 13, 1898, and Mrs. Christina Black died on January 16, 1923. Andrew Black was a Republican. He was for years one of the trustees of his local Methodist Episcopal church and his children were reared in that faith. Reared at Blacks Mills, Moses Eugene Black had his schooling in the district school of that neighborhood and supplemented this by a course in the Magic City Business College at Muncie. Upon leaving the business college he was employed by the late John S. Ellis to write the manuscript for the book on the pioneers of Delaware county which Mr. Ellis then was preparing for publication and upon completing this task returned to the home farm. His business training, however, had turned his thoughts in other directions and he did not remain on the farm long. Mr. Black began his banking career when nineteen years of age. It was on April 16, 1900, that he entered the Farmers State Bank of Eaton. Five years later, in 1905, he was appointed postmaster of Eaton, a service he rendered for four years or until 1909, meantime also continuing his service with the Eaton bank. On January 1, 1918, Mr. Black entered upon his present duties as assistant cashier of the Delaware County National Bank of Muncie, the oldest continuing bank in the county, and has since continued to serve the bank in that capacity. Mr. Black is a Republican and a member of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. He is the treasurer of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and a member of the directorate of that body and is also affiliated with and secretary of the local Optomists Club. He is a past worshipful master in the Masonic order, a past commander of Muncie Commandery, No. 18, Knights Templar; past excellent master of Muncie Council, No. 16, Royal and Select Masters, a past worthy patron of Muncie Chapter, No. 104, Order of the Eastern Star, and

is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

JOHN E. CRIST, a member of the firm operating the Crist furniture store at Muncie and a substantial farmer and landowner of Hamilton township, residing at Muncie, was born in Clark county, Ohio, September 27, 1872, and is a son of John W. and Elizabeth (Crippen) Crist, the latter of whom also was born in Ohio and was reared in Clark county. The late John W. Crist was born in Pennsylvania and was sixteen years of age when his father, John Crist, a native of Maryland, moved with his family to Ohio and established his home on a farm in Clark county. After his marriage John W. Crist continued to make his home in Clark county until in 1881, when he came to Indiana with his family and settled on a farm in Randolph county. In 1888 he moved from there over into Delaware county and established his home on a farm east of Anthony in Hamilton township. He later moved to Monroe township, where he spent fourteen years, at the end of which time he went to Delaware township. A few years later he moved back to Hamilton township, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1914. To him and his wife were born eight children, all of whom are living save two daughters, Annabelle and Carrie, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Grace and Mary, and three brothers, William P., Winfield F. and James A. Crist. John E. Crist was sixteen years of age when he came to Delaware county with his parents in 1888 and he completed his schooling in the schools of Hamilton township. When nineteen years of age he bought a plot of fifteen acres of ground and began farm operations on his own account, holding that place for nine years or until shortly before his marriage, when he disposed of that place and bought a tract of forty acres south of Muncie. On this latter place he made his home for three years, at the end of which time he sold there and bought the farm which he now owns in Hamilton township, a well improved place of 100 acres. In 1923 Mr. Crist became engaged in the furniture business with his brothers at Muncie, the Crist store being located in South Walnut street, and he now lives in town, residing at 512 North Calvert street, Normal City, but he still maintains his farming interests. Mr. Crist is an active member of the Farmers Federation and he and his wife are members of the Center United Brethren church. It was on April 5, 1900, that John E. Crist was united in marriage to Elsie E. Pittenger, a member of the pioneer Pittenger family of

this county, and to this union two children have been born, a son, Clarence R. Crist, and a daughter, Edith E. Mrs. Elsie E. Crist was born in Hamilton township and is a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Cullen) Pittenger, the latter of whom was born in that same township, daughter of John Cullen, one of the pioneers of that part of the county. The late William Pittenger was born in Delaware township and was a son of Daniel Pittenger. After his marriage William Pittenger established his home on a farm west of Royerton in Hamilton township and became the owner of a well improved place of 111 acres there. On that place he made his home until his retirement in 1902 and removal to Muncie, where he died in the following year. He and his wife had four children, Mrs. Crist having three brothers, John, Daniel and Walter Pittenger.

AUGUSTUS A. BARKER, who recently died at his home in Muncie and whose widow is still living here, residing at 1500 East First street, had been a resident of Muncie for more than thirty years, during the greater part of which time he was connected with the operations of the great manufacturing plant of the Ball Bros. Glass Manufacturing Company in the capacity of foreman. Mr. Barker was a native of the old Buckeye state, born at Ashtabula, Ohio, in 1849, and was a son of George and Caroline (Ball) Barker. Reared in Ohio, Mr. Barker married at the age of twenty-one and for some time thereafter was engaged in farming. He then became a lumberman and was thus engaged until in 1890, shortly after the Ball Bros. Glass Manufacturing Company's plant had been established at Muncie, when he became employed as a foreman in that plant and thus continued engaged until his retirement. He was an Odd Fellow and a Red Man. He died on May 4, 1923, being then seventy-four years of age. It was in 1871, in Ohio, that Augustus A. Barker was united in marriage to Anna Millard who, as noted above, survives him and is still making her home at Muncie. Mrs. Barker also was born in Ohio and is a daughter of Samuel and Mahalia (Comstock) Millard. One of her brothers, Rush Millard, was a soldier of the Union during the Civil war. One of Mr. Barker's brothers, Charles Barker, also was a veteran of the Civil war. Mrs. Barker has three daughters, Edna, who married Kenneth Teague; Esther, who married Festus Brown, and has four children, Violet, Charles, Edmund and Herbert G., and Stella, who married Joseph Blackmer, and has five children, Bernie, Frank, Alta, Harvey and Ada. Mrs. Barker has six great-grandchildren.

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DR. FORD C. BENBOW, a young dental surgeon at Eaton and a veteran of the World war, is a native son of Delaware county and is a member of one of the old families here. Doctor Benbow was born at Muncie in 1898 and is a son of J. H. and Myrtle (Clifford) Benbow, the latter of whom is a daughter of John and Melissa (Ault) Clifford, the latter a daughter of John Ault. J. H. Benbow, who is now engaged in the shoe business at Xenia, Ohio, was born in Mt. Pleasant township, this county. He and his wife have five children, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Lois, Olive and Helen, the two former of whom are teachers in the public schools, and a brother, Gene Benbow. Upon completing his schooling in the Eaton high school, Ford C. Benbow entered the Indiana Dental College at Indianapolis and was thus in attendance when this country took a hand in the World war in the spring of 1917. He interrupted his studies to enter the army and for seven months rendered military service, after which he resumed his dental studies and in 1919 was graduated from the dental college. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Benbow opened an office for the practice of his profession at Eaton and has since been thus engaged. The Doctor is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men, while he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Benbow (Arliss N. Pancost) is a daughter of Harry and Mabel (Niles) Pancost. She and the Doctor were married on May 8, 1921.

BURETTE M. ARTHUR, a veteran building contractor at Muncie, has been engaged here as a carpenter and builder for the past twenty-five years and more and thus has long had an established reputation in his line. Mr. Arthur was born at Statesville, N. C., January 26, 1864, and is a son of John Calvin and Jane Theresa (Swan) Arthur, the latter of whom was born and reared in Virginia, a member of one of the Colonial families of the Old Dominion. John Calvin Arthur was born and reared in North Carolina and after his marriage established his home on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Statesville in that state and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1883. Burette M. Arthur was nineteen years of age when his father died and the responsibility of carrying on the operation of the home farm thereafter fell pretty largely upon his shoulders. He remained on the farm, conducting operations in his mother's behalf, until he was twenty-five years of age when, in 1889, he took up the trade of carpenter, to which from the days of his boyhood he had been giving

some attention, and he ever since has been engaged in the building trades. After acquiring some practical facility as a carpenter Mr. Arthur followed this vocation in various parts of the country until in 1898 when he came to Muncie. In that same year he married and established his home at Muncie and has ever since lived here, now residing at 611 North Jefferson street. In addition to his general contract work Mr. Arthur has done much reconstruction work here as well as a considerable business in building and improving houses for sale and has done well, a considerable percentage of the houses erected here during the past twenty-five years bearing marks of his handicraftsmanship. It was on December 14, 1898, that Burette M. Arthur was united in marriage to Lena M. Dungan, who was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, daughter of Robert and Mary (Ohl) Dungan, and who was seventeen years of age when her parents came to Indiana with their family and located in Blackford county, where her father became engaged in the oil business. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur have four children, Gladys L., Glenn D., Grace and Gordon. They are Democrats and are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church.

KARL EDWARD NUTTING, president of the Nutting Electric Company of Muncie and an electrical contractor of wide experience throughout this section of Indiana, was born in Muncie and has been a resident of this city all his life. Mr. Nutting was born on April 14, 1885, and is a son of Edward and Susan Zonetta (Galliher) Nutting, the latter of whom also was born in Muncie and is still living here, residing at 315 West Adams street. The late Edward Nutting was a native of England, born at Eversham, within a few miles of the city of London, in 1847. When a young man he came to the United States and became employed as a stair builder and architect. In 1872 he came to Muncie and in the summer of the following year married Susan Zonetta Galliher and established his home here, setting up as an architect and builder, and in this capacity had much to do with the working out of the extensive rebuilding program which was carried out in Muncie during the '70s and '80s. Here he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on March 18, 1895, and his widow is still making her home in Muncie. Mrs. Nutting was born in the old Galliher home on Main street, across the street from the court house square, in June, 1850, and is a daughter of Martin and Rhoda A. (Ogden) Galliher, the latter of whom was born at Cedarville, N. J., January 29, 1814, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Parnall) Ogden, who in 1834 located at Carthage, in

Hamilton county, Ohio, where on September 3, 1837, she was married to Martin Galliher, a young road contractor. Martin Galliher was born in the vicinity of Brownsville, Pa., April 2, 1809, and was reared in Monongalia county, Virginia, in that section of the Old Dominion which during the time of the Civil war split off as West Virginia. When he was three years of age his father lost his life by drowning and he thus early was thrown upon his own resources for a livelihood. As a young man he became engaged in turnpike construction in Kentucky and southern Ohio and it was while thus engaged in Hamilton county (Ohio) that he married Rhoda Ogden. In 1840 he came to Indiana and located at Muncietown, this being some years before the name of the town was changed by legislative enactment to its present shorter form. Here he engaged in the mercantile business and in pork packing and soon became one of the leading factors in the commercial life of the town. In 1852 he retired from his mercantile line and thereafter gave his attention to the development of his extensive farming and land interests, becoming the owner of 340 acres of land south of the railroad, which as the town developed became valuable for city extension purposes, and he thus early became recognized as one of the town's foremost promoters. Martin Galliher died at his home in Muncie on June 29, 1887, and his widow survived him a little more than six years, her death occurring on July 31, 1893. She is said to have been the "first actual Baptist" in Muncie and it was largely through her efforts that an organization of that communion was effected here in 1859. To Edward and Susan Z. (Galliher) Nutting were born six children, Earl Galliher, Esther Louise, Karl Edward, Eugene, Rhoda Alice and Beatrice, the two latter of whom died in infancy. Reared at Muncie, Karl Edward Nutting received his schooling in the schools of that city and early became interested in electrical work and development. After five years of practical work along this line he entered the Bliss Electrical School at Washington, D. C., for a year of special technical training, and then in 1906 became the head of the Nutting-Rowe Electric Company of Muncie. Two years later, in 1908, this concern was reorganized and incorporated as the Nutting Electric Company, Mr. Nutting being elected president and treasurer of the same, and he since has continued to act in that capacity, the company having its present establishment and offices at 118 East Adams street. The Nutting Electric Company specializes in power house electrical construction work and in the installation of electric plants for paper mills, but handles all sorts of elec-

trical supplies for factory equipment and carries on its contract engagements throughout a wide trade area hereabout. Mr. Nutting is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He married Ada Hupp and resides at 503 East Charles street.

HARRY D. ELKINS, D. C., bandmaster of the 150th Field Artillery, United States National Guard of Indiana, and a doctor of Chiropractic of years standing in Muncie, was born in Cass county, Indiana, in 1887. Doctor Elkins completed his public schooling in the Marion (Ind.) high school and early became an expert band musician. For some years he followed this musical bent professionally, engaged with traveling bands, and while thus engaged visited nearly all the important cities in the country. In the meantime he was following studies along other professional lines, and in 1914 he entered the Palmer School of Chiropractic at Davenport, Iowa, and on September 1, 1916, was graduated from that institution. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Elkins returned to Indiana and on September 19 of that year opened an office for the practice of his profession at Muncie, where he ever since has been thus engaged, with present offices at 301-3-5-7 the Johnson block on South Walnut street, where he is admirably equipped to meet the exacting requirements of his profession. Included in this equipment is an X-ray installment, the only one in a Chiropractic office in Muncie. In fact, Doctor Elkins was the first doctor of Chiropractic in Indiana to put in an X-ray equipment. For nine years prior to entering upon the practice of Chiropractic Doctor Elkins had served as bandmaster for the 2d regiment (infantry) of the Indiana National Guard, and in 1921 when the old Indiana National Guard was reorganized as the United States National Guard of Indiana, he was made bandmaster for the 150th regiment, Field Artillery, the band unit of this regiment being quartered at Muncie, and in that capacity he has developed one of the best military bands in the Middle West. Doctor Elkins's parents, Jacob and Louise Frances (Jackson) Elkins, both were born in Indiana, of pioneer stock. Jacob Elkins, a well-to-do farmer of Cass county, is now living retired. Doctor Elkins married Fairy O. Beck, of Marion, and has one child, a daughter, Martha Jane. The Doctor is a Royal Arch Mason. He and his family reside at 49 Orchard Place. In 1912, while living at Marion, Doctor Elkins patented and began the manufacture of what has since come to be widely known in band and orchestral circles as the Elkins improved all-metal aluminum separate tension snare drum, now manufactured by the Elkins Drum Com-

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pany at Muncie. This instrument which was at once recognized as a revelation in producing new ideas in snare drums finds ready distribution generally throughout the United States, has been indorsed by such skilled performers as the drummers of Sousa's band and the orchestra of the Boston Opera Company and is in use by most of America's foremost drummers, a product that is doing its part in carrying far the name and fame of "Greater Muncie."

HENRY SMITH, a substantial farmer and landowner of Union township, residing on rural mail route No. 2 out of Eaton, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Indiana and of Delaware county for many years. Mr. Smith was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Troy, in Miami county, Ohio, and is a son of David and Catherine (Ruderick) Smith, the latter of whom was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Knife) Ruderick, who later became residents of western Ohio. David Smith was born in Miami county, Ohio, a son of Henry and Elizabeth Smith, who had come into Ohio from North Carolina, establishing their home in Miami county, near the city of Troy. Henry Smith was a native of Germany, who for some time after coming to this country had been a resident of North Carolina. David Smith and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Jonathan, Elizabeth, John (deceased), Nancy (deceased), Sarah Jane (deceased) and Mary Ann, all of whom save John became residents of Delaware county. At the age of twenty-nine years Henry Smith, who received his name in honor of his paternal grandfather, married Lucinda Hedrick and established his home on a farm in Union township, where he ever since has made his home and where he has prospered, he now being the owner of two well improved farms in that township, one of these farms containing 127 acres and the other, 190. Mr. Smith is a Freemason, a member of the Masonic lodge at Eaton (No. 606). Mrs. Smith was born in the neighboring county of Madison and is a daughter of Daniel and Anna (Thomas) Hedrick, the latter of whom was a daughter of John and Lucinda (Michael) Thomas, pioneers of Miami county, Ohio. Daniel Hedrick was a native of Maryland, who came over into Indiana and after his marriage settled in Madison county. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four children, Robert, Musadora, Stella F. and Carlton C., all of whom are married. Robert Smith married Mamie Pierce and has five children, Cleveland, Henry Clay, Robert M., Bynum and Hazel. Musadora Smith married Earl Landis and has three children, Leon,

Virgil and Audrey. Stella F. Smith married William Strong and Carlton C. Smith married Maude Clements and has one child, a son, Melvin.

FRANK KISER, secretary-treasurer of the J. F. Kiser Company, jewelers, and of the Kiser Plating Company at Muncie, has been a resident of that city since he was a mere lad and has literally grown up to the business with which he is now connected and which was founded by his father back in the days when it began to be recognized that Muncie was going to develop into a manufacturing center of large importance. Mr. Kiser was born at Fostoria, Ohio, September 25, 1883, and is a son of Jacob F. and Amanda (Bayman) Kiser, both of whom also were born in Ohio and who became residents of Muncie more than thirty years ago. Jacob F. Kiser was reared at Fostoria, where he became engaged in the jewelry business. He followed that line at Fostoria until in 1891, when he disposed of his interests there and moved to Muncie and opened out a silver plating establishment at Hoyt avenue and Liberty streets. Three years later he moved his plant to his present location at the corner of Howard and Elm streets and from the small beginning made there has developed the extensive business now carried on there by the J. F. Kiser Company, general dealers in jewelry, cut glass and diamonds, and the plating establishment of the Kiser Plating Company, an extension of the plating concern started thirty years and more ago and which now is chiefly given over to the plating of automobile trimmings and accessories. The Kiser jewelry store has separate departments for its general jewelry, for its cut glass, for its fine china ware and for its diamonds and precious stones and is widely recognized as one of the most distinctive establishments of its sort in eastern Indiana. Jacob F. Kiser, head of this business, is also president of the Warner Company. Frank Kiser, only son of Jacob F. Kiser and secretary-treasurer of the two concerns under which the Kiser interests are operated, was eight years of age when he came to Muncie with his parents in 1891. He was graduated from the Muncie high school in 1901 and has since been actively identified with the business which his father meanwhile had been developing in Muncie. In 1914 when the J. F. Kiser Company was organized with a view to the extension of the interests of the Kiser jewelry store, he was made secretary-treasurer of the company and has since been acting in that capacity. In 1916 he was made secretary-treasurer also of the Kiser Plating Company, and has continued so to serve, with full managerial authority in the

affairs of this latter concern. Mr. Kiser is a Scottish Rite, Royal Arch and Knight Templar Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic shrine, affiliated with Murat temple at Indianapolis. He also is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of the Kiwanis Club, of the Country Club and of the scholastic fraternity Phi Delta Kappa. Mr. Kiser married Della Dangler and resides at 411½ East Howard street.

DR. GEORGE F. AMES, for more than forty years a practicing physician at Eaton and thus one of the veterans of the medical profession in Delaware county, was born in Adams county, Ind., in 1859, and is a son of George W. and Mary Ann (Hooper) Ames, the latter of whom was born in that same county, a daughter of George Hooper, one of the pioneers of that section of Indiana. George W. Ames was a native of Ohio, of pioneer stock. Of the sons born to him and his wife, two, Ezekiel and Rufus Ames, served as soldiers of the Union during the Civil war. George F. Ames early turned his attention to the study of medicine and in 1881, at the age of twenty-two years, was graduated from the Ft. Wayne Medical College. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Ames opened an office for the practice of medicine at Eaton and has ever since been engaged in practice there. The Doctor is a member of the Delaware-Blackford (county) Medical Society, is a Freemason and a member of the Christian church. Doctor Ames' wife, Mrs. Emma (Webb) Ames, daughter of Curtis and Huldah (Shaw) Webb, died on March 14, 1922.

FRANK B. FOORMAN, a substantial farmer and landowner of Union and Niles townships, residing at Eaton, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. Mr. Foorman was born at Eaton in 1886 and is a son of A. N. and Catherine (Bosman) Foorman, the latter of whom was born in this county, a member of the pioneer Bosman family which has been represented in this county since the middle '30s of the past century. The late A. N. Foorman, who for years was one of the best known men in Eaton, a dealer in live stock and timber, was born in Clark county, Ohio, and became a resident of Delaware county in the days of his young manhood. He became the owner of 640 acres of land in the Eaton neighborhood and in addition to his live stock and timber dealings also operated a meat market at Eaton. He died in 1920 and his widow is still making her home at Eaton. To them were born two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Onie M. Foorman. Reared at Eaton, Frank B. Foorman received his schooling in the schools of that city

and has ever made his home there. From the days of his boyhood he has been interested in the development of his father's farming interests and is now the owner of 320 acres of the former paternal holdings and is carrying on his farming operations on this place in up-to-date fashion. Frank B. Foorman married Cuba B. Vineyard, daughter of W. P. Vineyard, and has three children, William A., Sarah Catherine and Francis V. Mr. Foorman is a member of the local tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men (Ouray No. 74) at Eaton, and is also affiliated with the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Muncie.

EDWARD M. RINKER, of the Rinker Furniture, Storage and Transfer Company of Muncie, whose sudden and unexpected death early in 1924 proved a shock to his friends here, was a member of one of the old families of this section of Indiana, the Rinkers (an old Virginian family) having been represented hereabout since pioneer days. Mr. Rinker was born in the neighboring county of Henry in the year 1877, and was the son and only child of Samuel and Catherine (Sweigart) Rinker. Reared on the home farm, Edward M. Rinker received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and as a young man became engaged in the grocery business at Muncie, later taking employment in the furniture store of Hickman Bros., at Muncie, and in this latter service was engaged for many years, thus becoming one of the best known furniture salesmen in the county. In 1916 Mr. Rinker became engaged in business on his own account, opening up a store and storage house at 310 North Walnut street, where he was well equipped for meeting the demands of the trade in his line, carrying on his business under the name of the Rinker Furniture, Storage and Transfer Company. In addition to his furniture business, Mr. Rinker established a capacious storage house, made a specialty of substantial crating and developed an extensive business in the storage line as well as in the general transfer line. In the latter part of February, 1924, Mr. Rinker started on a business trip to Chicago, driving through by automobile, and at Lafayette was taken suddenly ill and died there in a hotel on the 28th of that month. Mr. Rinker was an Odd Fellow, a Modern Woodman and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is his widow. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Rinker continues to make her home at Muncie, residing at 323 North Monroe street. She was born (Lora May Pettigrew) in the neighboring county of Madison, daughter of Robert Pettigrew, and has one child, a daughter, Lala, who married John S.

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Bender and has a daughter, Lola Jean. The establishment founded by Mr. Rinker has been maintained since his death and in the transfer department of that business five trucks are operated.

EDWARD A. HOFFER, proprietor of what is said to be the largest retail meat market in Muncie, has been a resident of Muncie since the beginning of the days of the big gas "boom" here thirty years and more ago. Mr. Hoffer was born at Ft. Wayne, Ind., October 16, 1872, and is a son of Andrew and Christina (Price) Hoffer, the latter of whom was born at Columbia City, Ind. Andrew Hoffer was born in Switzerland and there grew to manhood and was married. His wife died, leaving him with two children, Lena and Robert. With these children he later came to America and located at Ft. Wayne, where he became engaged in the butcher business and where he married Christina Price. To this second union there were born seven children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Charles E., Rosa, Anna, Monte, Marie and Albert. Reared at Ft. Wayne, Edward A. Hoffer received his schooling there and at the age of thirteen years became a helper in his father's butcher shop, thus early becoming familiar with the details of the business in which he ever since has been engaged. When eighteen years of age he went to Winchester, Ind., and later took a trip through the West. When the gas "boom" was at its height here in the early '90s he came to Muncie and began working in the meat market of William Palmer, with whom he remained for five years, and then for another five years was with Palmer Bros. At the end of this time, meanwhile having become thoroughly acquainted with the needs of the local market in this line, Mr. Hoffer and his brother, Charles E. Hoffer, opened a meat market at 220 South Walnut street, under the firm name of Hoffer Bros., and became engaged in business for themselves. This partnership continued until in 1914, when, in September of that year, Edward A. Hoffer opened an establishment of his own at 411 South Walnut street and has since been engaged in business for himself at that number, having developed there a thoroughly modern and up-to-date retail store with an ample refrigerating plant and every proper facility for handling his growing trade. He does no killing, relying upon the packers for his stock, and the demands of his trade require the services of eight or ten employes in the establishment. Mr. Hoffer is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Loyal Order of Moose. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are Republicans. In 1895 Edward A. Hoffer married

Martha Virginia Harrington, of Muncie, and to this union seven children have been born, four of whom died in infancy, the others being Vern Howard, Charles E. and James R. Hoffer. Vern Howard Hoffer, the eldest of these sons, was graduated from the Muncie high school, later took a course at the Indiana State Normal School and then went to South America, in the employ of Armour & Company of Chicago, and for two years was located at LaPlatte, a suburb of Buenos Aires, the chief city of Argentina. Upon his return he became connected with the Delaware Engraving Company of Muncie and is now a half owner of that establishment. He is a 32° Mason. He married Charline Ingersoll and has one child, a son, Robert. Charles E. Hoffer, the second son, a veteran of the World war, also is a Freemason. He was graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and is now engaged in the lumber business in South Carolina.

RALPH S. GREGORY, a substantial farmer and landowner of Delaware county, now living at Eaton, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here and has lived in this county all his life. Mr. Gregory was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Wheeling, this county, in 1878, and is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Stafford) Gregory, the latter of whom was born in New Carlisle, in Clark county, Ohio, a daughter of John and Catherine Stafford, the former of whom had come to this country from Shropshire, England. Samuel Gregory was born in Miami county, Ohio, and was a son of Samuel and Catherine (Brackrick) Gregory, who were among the pioneers of Delaware county. The senior Samuel Gregory was born in the vicinity of Huntington, Pa., and upon coming to Delaware county with his family in the '30s of the past century settled on what is still known as the old Gregory place in the Albany neighborhood. His son, Samuel Gregory, settled in the Wheeling neighborhood after his marriage and there became a substantial farmer. To him and his wife were born two sons, the subject of this sketch and Samuel Gregory III. Ralph S. Gregory completed his schooling at Eaton and Muncie and from the days of his boyhood has been interested in farm development. After his marriage he became a farmer on his own account and has ever since been thus engaged, gradually extending his land holdings until now he is the owner of a fine farm of 600 acres in the Eaton neighborhood. Ralph S. Gregory married Grace Mansfield, daughter of Perry and Catherine (Younts) Mansfield and also a member of one of Delaware county's pioneer families, and has five children, Samuel, Eugene,

Elizabeth, Catherine and Margaret. Mrs. Gregory is a member of the Christian church at Eaton. Mr. Gregory is a Scottish Rite Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

M. L. YOAKEM, former superintendent of highways in and for Delaware county and regarded as one of the able authorities on road construction in Indiana, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of this county for nearly thirty years, formerly and for years prior to entering upon his public duties in the court house having been engaged in the real estate business in Muncie. Mr. Yoakem was born on a farm in Pike county, Ohio, in 1868, and is a son of George W. and Mary (Croix) Yoakem, the latter of whom was born in Virginia. George W. Yoakem was born in Ross county, Ohio, a son of George W. Yoakem, a native of Virginia, who, during the War of 1812, served as a captain in the army and who, on his own responsibility, paid his command in script which he issued for that purpose and for which service, according to the records of the family, he never was reimbursed by the Government. Captain Yoakem became one of the pioneers of Ross county, Ohio, and there he and his wife, the latter of whom was a Harness, reared their family and spent their last days. The junior George W. Yoakem after his marriage established his home in Pike county, just south of Ross county, and there he and his wife reared their family. They had seven children, the subject of this sketch (the fifth in order of birth) having four sisters, Sabrina, Melvina, Catherine and Anna, and two brothers, Allen and Adam C. Yoakem. Reared on the home farm in Pike county (Ohio), M. L. Yoakem received his schooling in the schools of that county, and was for some time there engaged in farming. He later became interested in the real estate business and in 1897 located at Muncie, where he became actively engaged in that business and established his home. For years Mr. Yoakem has given his close attention to the subject of road construction and has long been looked upon as a local authority along that line. In 1922 he was appointed superintendent of roads for Delaware county and served a term as road superintendent, with offices in the court house. Among the innovations introduced by Mr. Yokem in the administration of this important office was the use of nothing but first class gravel on the highways, the dumping of road material on the sides of the roads instead of in the middle and his insistence upon a standard 24-foot roadway on the bridges of the county. Mr. Yoakem has attended road schools, is a life member of the United States Good

Roads Association, the only such membership held in this county, and has written much along the lines thus involved, one of his notable papers having been one on "The Elimination of Danger on Rural Roads," read before the road school and which attracted much favorable attention. M. L. Yoakem married Martha M. Allison and has two daughters, Leta and Lola. Mr. Yoakem is a member of the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

DR. KARL TRUEBLOOD BROWN, a veteran of the World war with a major's commission and an overseas record of distinguished service and a practicing physician at Muncie, with special reference to the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, in practice for nearly twenty-five years, was born in the historic village of Westfield, in Hamilton county, Indiana, July 26, 1874, and is a son of Robert R. and Mary (Trueblood) Brown, both of whom were born in the old town of Salem, county seat of Washington county, this state, the latter a member of the pioneer Quaker family of Truebloods in that part of the state, and a daughter of Dr. Joshua Trueblood. Robert R. Brown was a son of Samuel Brown, born in Kentucky, a son of a Revolutionary soldier who had settled in Kentucky in the days of the pioneers of that "dark and bloody ground." During the Civil war Robert R. Brown served as a soldier of the Union, a member of the 5th Indiana Cavalry, and after his marriage settled at Westfield, where for years he was engaged in business as a hardware merchant. Upon his retirement from the store he moved to a farm in Grant county, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there in 1899, he then being sixty-three years of age. His widow survived him for eight years, her death occurring in 1907, she then being seventy-two years of age. Of the children born to them, five grew to maturity. Reared at Westfield, Doctor Brown received his early schooling in the schools of that interesting village and then entered the university at Mt. Vernon, Ill., from which he was graduated in 1894, his studies there being pursued with a view to taking up the study of medicine. Thus equipped for further study, he entered the old Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis, now a department of the University of Indiana, and after two years of study there went to the Barnes Medical College at St. Louis, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1899. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Brown opened an office for practice at Crawfordsville, Ind., where after his marriage in the next year, he established his home and remained until in 1913, when he moved to San Antonio, Tex., where he was engaged in practice when this country took a hand in the World war in

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the spring of 1917. Preparatory to the pending conflict, Doctor Brown had, on March 17, 1917, three weeks before war formally was declared, volunteered his services in the medical section of the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States army and was accepted, being given a commission as a first lieutenant. On May 25 he was assigned to Ft. Riley (Kan.) and on August 24 was transferred to Camp Travis (Tex.), where on November 5 he received a captain's commission. On March 6, 1918, he was commissioned a major in the Medical Corps and on June 20 sailed with his command for France, with orders to report to the Army Medical College at Longres, where on August 17 he was given his diploma of graduation, and on August 24 was ordered to the St. Mihiel front as unit surgeon. On September 12 he was cited in orders for distinguished service in action. During October and November, until the signing of the Armistice (November 11) he rendered service in the Meuse-Argonne campaign and on November 24 was assigned to the Army of Occupation and thus rendered service on the Rhine until he received orders to return to the United States on May 19, 1919. On May 27 he sailed for home and arrived at Boston harbor on June 7, with orders to report to Camp Pike (Ark.), whence he presently was transferred to Camp Taylor (Ky.), where on July 8, 1919, he was mustered out and assigned to the Medical Reserve Corps, with rank of major, and later was commissioned a lieutenant colonel in the Medical Officers Reserve Corps. Upon the completion of his military service, Doctor Brown returned to Indiana and located at Muncie, where he since has been engaged in practice, with offices at 501-503 the Johnson building, and residence at 729 North Elm street. The Doctor specializes in the treatment of affections of the eye, ear, nose and throat, having taken post-graduate work along this line at the Manhattan Eye Hospital, New York, and in the London Eye and Ear Hospital in London, England, as well as at similar institutions at Chicago, New Orleans and Louisville. He is a member of the Muncie Academy of Medicine, of the Delaware-Blackford County Medical Society, of the Indiana State Medical Association and the American Medical Association, as well as of the American Academy of Optholmology and the Indiana Academy of Optholmology. The Doctor also is affiliated with the local post of the American Legion and with the Military Order of Foreign Wars, is a 32° (Scottish Rite) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is likewise affiliated with the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he and his wife are members of

the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. In 1900, the year following his graduation from Medical college, Dr. Karl T. Brown was united in marriage to Mae Duncan, of Greenfield, Ind.

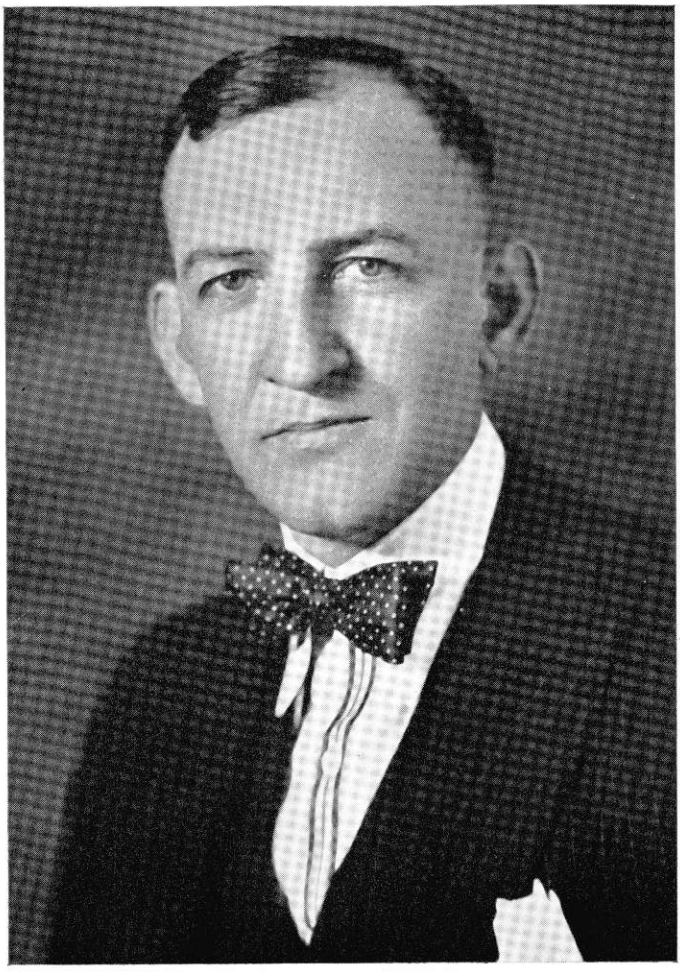
HARVEY C. HYER, postmaster at Eaton and a veteran of the World war with an overseas record, a former school teacher and also formerly and for years an actor, is a native son of Delaware county and has always regarded this county as his home, although for many years his stage work took him far afield. Mr. Hyer was born on a farm in Washington township, this county, in 1883, and is a son of Henry and Mary E. (Moore) Hyer, the latter of whom was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1850, daughter of Jesse and Mary (Herron) Moore, both of whom also were born in that county, members of pioneer families there. Henry Hyer, a veteran of the Civil war, formerly and for years a farmer in Washington township, this county, and later living retired at Eaton, was born in Ross county, Ohio, in 1837, a son of John Hyer, who also was born in Ohio, a son of Jacob Hyer, who was a son of Jacob Hyer, who with two brothers, Rufus and Abraham, had come to this country from Germany in 1786, Jacob Hyer settling in Virginia, his son Jacob in time becoming a pioneer in Ohio. John Hyer became a farmer in Ross county, Ohio, and there remained until he was sixty-four years of age, when he came to Indiana and settled in Henry county, where his last days were spent, he being seventy-two years of age at the time of his death. His wife, Elizabeth Straley, had long predeceased him, she having died at the age of forty-six. They were the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters. Of these sons, two, Henry and Jacob, served as soldiers of the Union during the Civil war, attached to the 22d regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Upon the completion of his military service Henry Hyer became engaged in the lumber business in Highland county, Ohio, but not long afterward disposed of his interests there and went to Missouri and became engaged in farming in the Warrensburg neighborhood in Johnson county, that state. In 1870 he closed out his interests in Missouri and came to Indiana, one of his sisters meanwhile having become a resident of Madison county. He bought a tract of 106 acres of practically uncleared and swamp ridden land in Washington township, this county, and proceeded to clear and develop the same, in time making out of it a farm which he eventually sold for $103 an acre. He had besides other farm lands in the Gaston neighborhood and continued active in farm development until his retirement and removal to Eaton in 1903. Henry Hyer was twice

married. In 1862, in Highland county, Ohio, he married Elizabeth E. Winegar, who died in 1872. To that union were born five children. In 1881 Henry Hyer married Mrs. Mary E. (Moore) Hardy and to this union were born two children, one son, the subject of this sketch, and a daughter, Pearl, wife of Ray Morris, of Eaton. Reared on the home farm in the Gaston neighborhood, Harvey C. Hyer supplemented the schooling received in the Gaston schools by a course in the Muncie Normal School and then began teaching school. He later became an actor and was engaged in dramatic work for thirteen years, at the end of which time he became a salesman and was thus employed when this country took a hand in the World war in the spring of 1917. Mr. Hyer enlisted his services in behalf of the army and was assigned to overseas service, this service being rendered in France with the artillery section of the army. He was mustered out of service on February 3, 1919, the war then being over, and presently returned to Eaton, where on January 30, 1922, he was commissioned postmaster of that city and has since been serving in that responsible public capacity. On June 15, 1923, Harvey C. Hyer was united in marriage to Claudia Wright, a daughter of S. R. Wright. Mr. Hyer is a Freemason, as was also his father.

THOMAS WIRT, a widely known cafe proprietor and possessor of considerable real estate holdings, who died at his home in Muncie in the summer of 1915 and whose widow is still living at Muncie, residing at 402 West Main street, was born in Muncie and had lived there all his life. Mr. Wirt was born on June 8, 1866, and was a son of Daniel and Elizabeth Wirt, who were the parents of two sons, the subject of this memorial sketch having had a brother, William Wirt. Reared at Muncie, Thomas Wirt received his schooling in the schools of that city and early became interested in the restaurant business, in time becoming proprietor of a cafe at 111 East Jackson street, where he continued in business until his death on June 15, 1915. Mr. Wirt was successful in his business affairs and was a prudent investor in real estate. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is his widow, and was affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1896 Thomas Wirt was united in marriage to Jennie Gunkle, who also was born in Muncie, daughter of James and Susan (Stonebraker) Gunkle, the former of whom was a native of Darke county, Ohio, and who were the parents of four children, Mrs. Wirt having two sisters, Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. Linnie Milligan, and a brother, James Gunkle. To Thomas and Jennie (Gunkle) Wirt were born

two daughters, Edna and Lois, the former of whom was graduated from Northwestern University in 1922 and is now teaching. Lois Wirt is now attending a school for kindergarten teachers at Chicago.

FORREST E. ANDREWS, proprietor of the Columbia and Lyric theaters at Muncie, is a great-grandson of Goldsmith Coffeen Gilbert, the founder of the city of Muncie. Mr. Andrews was born in Muncie on August 7, 1888, and is a son of John E. and Hannah F. (Yingling) Andrews, the latter of whom was born at Connersville, Ind., and was but a child when she came to Delaware county with her parents, the family settling at Yorktown. John E. Andrews, now living at Muncie, also was born at Muncie and is a son of Dr. Daniel H. and Mary Jane (Gilbert) Andrews, the latter of whom, as is set out elsewhere in the work, was the first white person born on the Muncie town site, a daughter of Goldsmith C. Gilbert, the trader who was here when the county was organized and the town site created in 1827. Dr. Daniel H. Andrews, as also is set out elsewhere, was one of the pioneer physicians of old Muncietown. He located here in 1842 and spent the rest of his life here, his death occurring in 1856. John E. Andrews grew up as a miller and was for years engaged in flour milling at Yorktown and at Rome City, Ind. In 1887 he returned to Muncie and became engaged in milling on the site of his present mill on High street, and has ever since been engaged in business here. To him and his wife were born four sons, the subject of this sketch having three brothers, Dr. George R. Andrews, Daniel Andrews and C. Ray Andrews, the latter of whom also is engaged in the motion picture business at Muncie. Forrest E. Andrews supplemented the schooling received in the Muncie public schools by a course in the normal school, where he completed the business course, and has ever since been connected with the motion picture industry, having literally "grown up" in this new and amazing line of entertainment. When but nine years of age and at a time regarded as the infancy of the motion picture business he had his first experience with a projecting machine and while still in school became a skilled operator. When eighteen years of age, in 1906, Mr. Andrews went to the Pacific coast and at Seattle became the projection operator in the second motion picture house opened in that city. Presently he left there and went to Ellensburg, Wash., where he opened a motion picture theater and was thus engaged in business there for about five years or until in 1914, when he returned to Muncie and became associated with his brother, C. Ray Andrews, in the motion picture line here, operating the Star and the Columbia theaters. They later purchased



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the Lyric theater and have since been operating that house as well as the Columbia and the Star. Mr. Andrews is a Democrat, is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and has affiliation with several associations of theatrical interest. On October 17, 1907, at San Bernardino, Cal., Forrest E. Andrews was united in marriage to Nettie Ingersoll, daughter of Charles and Minnie (Moore) Ingersoll, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Charles Andrews.

HAMER JOSEPH GREENE, proprietor of a well equipped plumbing and heating establishment at Muncie, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Indiana for more than thirty years and has been engaged in his present business at Muncie for more than ten years. Mr. Greene was born on a farm in the vicinity of the village of Carroll, in Fairfield county, Ohio, March 19, 1871, and is a son of Joseph E. and Martha J. (Fellers) Greene, both of whom were born in that same county, members of pioneer families there, and the latter of whom is still living. The Greenes came into Ohio from the New England states and the Fellers family came out of Pennsylvania. Joseph E. Greene in addition to owning a farm in the neighborhood of Carroll also conducted a hardware store in that village. He died in 1888. To him and his wife were born eleven children, six sons and five daughters. The mother of these children afterward married Samuel Percy, who spent his latter days in Columbus, Ohio. She is one of a family of nine children, one son and eight daughters, all of whom are still living. Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Carroll, Hamer J. Greene received his schooling in the schools of that village and remained at home until he was seventeen years of age, when he started out "on his own", working in the oil and gas fields, and presently became the owner of a drilling rig of his own and became engaged in drilling wells throughout the Ohio and Indiana oil fields, coming over into Indiana in 1891, when twenty years of age, and for many years was thus engaged, making his home at Geneva, where he was married when twenty-eight years of age. In 1912 Mr. Greene came to Muncie and established himself here in the heating and plumbing business and has since been thus engaged, with a well equipped plant at 114 West Washington street, where he is prepared to meet all demands in his line. It was in 1899, at Geneva, Ind., that Hamer J. Greene was united in marriage to Gracie E. Meeks, who was born at that place, daughter of William Meeks, and to this union five children have been born, Merrill, Hubert, Gwendolyn (wife of Robert Shoemaker,

of Muncie), Joseph and Bruce. Mr. and Mrs. Greene are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They reside at 701 Wheeling avenue.

SHEPHARD G. FAULKNER, manufacturer of and dealer in monumental stone at Eaton, is a native of Ohio, born at East Liberty, in Logan county, that state, in 1852, and is a son of Abijah and Jane (Weatherby) Faulkner, the latter of whom was a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Mathus) Weatherby. Benjamin Weatherby was born in New Jersey and was but a child when his parents moved from that state to Ohio, settling in Franklin county and later moving into Logan county. Abijah Faulkner was born in the near vicinity of the city of Xenia, in Greene county, Ohio, and was a son of Jesse and Mary Faulkner, who were among the numerous Virginians who helped to settle that county. The Faulkners have been represented in Greene county (Ohio) since 1806. During the time of the Civil war Abijah Faulkner served as a soldier of the Union, a member of the 132d regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Of the children born to him and his wife three are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Emma A., wife of Samuel Wright, and a brother, Morris Bartley Faulkner. Reared at East Liberty, Shephard G. Faulkner received his schooling in the schools of that historic and interesting old village and early became interested in stone cutting and monumental architecture. Working as a journeyman at Chicago and St. Louis he became thoroughly grounded in all the details of this useful craft and then became engaged in business as a maker of monumental stone in the village of Degraff in his home county. Two years later he moved over into Indiana and opened a marble yard at Heltonville in Lawrence county. Mr. Faulkner remained at Heltonville a couple of years and then worked in western and southern United States until in 1916, when he moved to Eaton, established himself in business at this place and has since been engaged here in the monumental stone line, proprietor of a well equipped plant. Mr. Faulkner is a member of the Christian church and of the Loyal Order of Moose. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Eaton. Shephard G. Faulkner has been twice married and by his union with his first wife, Hester A. McClure, of Covington, Ind., had ten children. He has eleven grandchildren. All his children are living save three, Morris B. and Harry A. and one who died in infancy, the others being Henry A. and Levi E. Faulkner and five daughters, Estella J., wife of Charles Underhill; Florence E., wife of Howard Dillon; Maybelle, wife of Jacob Kauffman; Mrs.

Iona Frances Blough and Cecile Leota Faulkner. In 1919 Mr. Faulkner married Mrs. Elizabeth (Eastes) Sharts, a daughter of Washington and Mary (Evans) Eastes, of Indianapolis, and widow of Uriah D. Sharts, of Indianapolis, who died in 1917. To Uriah D. and Elizabeth (Eastes) Sharts were born six children, Laura (wife of Charles Swanker), Albert H., Rosie (deceased), William C. (deceased), James Leroy and Cary Melvin Sharts.

ARTHUR E. BENNETT, one of the veterans in the motion picture industry in Indiana and proprietor of the Liberty Theater at Muncie, was born at Muncie on September 16, 1881, and is a son of Joseph S. and Julia P. (Meeker) Bennett, the latter of whom also was born at Muncie, daughter of Henry Meeker, a pioneer manufacturer of brick and lime here and in his generation a prominent figure in the industrial life of the community. The late Joseph S. Bennett was born in Iowa and was but a child when his parents came with their family to Indiana and located at Muncie. He early became connected with the local hardware trade and was for years thus engaged in the old Putnam & Kirby hardware store. Reared at Muncie, Arthur E. Bennett received his schooling in the local schools and upon leaving the high school began working in the William N. Jackson grocery store. Three years later he transferred his connection to the Kirk department store and from there after awhile went to the Wachtell department store, in charge of the bicycle and sundries department, and was thus engaged until in 1905, when, attracted by the possibilities then becoming apparent in the development of the motion picture industry, he started in the show business as manager of the Petty Auditorium and assistant manager of the Star Theater. After six years of practical experience in this line here Mr. Bennett went to Anderson, where for some time he was the manager of the Crystal Theater, and then he went to Marion as manager of the Indiana and Strand theaters in that city. In 1915 he returned to Muncie and opened the Strand and Liberty theaters and has since been actively engaged in business here. On April 29, 1923, the outfit and furnishings of the Liberty theater, 415 South Walnut street, were destroyed by fire. Two days later Mr. Bennett sold his Strand theater and gave his whole attention to the restoration and refitting of his Liberty theater, which he remodeled along up-to-date lines and in which he now is making a specialty of feature pictures and musical entertainment. Mr. Bennett is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the local aerie of the Fraternal

Order of Eagles. On June 26, 1920, Arthur E. Bennett was united in marriage to Evelyn J. Krug, who also was born in Muncie, October 14, 1894, daughter of John and Emma Krug, and to this union two children have been born, daughters both, Barbara Jean and Dorothy. The Bennetts reside at 424 East Main street.

FREDERICK E. JEWETT, general superintendent of the great plant of the Ball Bros. Glass Manufacturing Company at Muncie, was born in the city of Muncie, a member of one of the real pioneer families of this city, and has resided here all his life. Mr. Jewett was born on July 15, 1874, and is a son of Sidney A. and Sarah Jane (Conn) Jewett, the latter of whom also was born in this county, October 30, 1840, a daughter of Simon Conn, one of the pioneers of the county, who in the old days of the wagon trains, before the railroads came in, was widely known as a freighter between Muncie and Cincinnati. It was he who hauled the first court house bell up here from Cincinnati. He died in 1904, aged eighty-six years. The late Sidney Alonzo Jewett, a veteran of the Civil war and who for years was superintendent of Beech Grove cemetery, was born in the state of New York, June 16, 1833, and was five years of age when in 1838 his father, Jeremiah Jewett, a native of Highgate, Vt., came out into Indiana with his family and settled at old Muncietown, where, among his other pioneer activities, he presently opened a lime quarry across the river off the present extension of Walnut street, and established a lime kiln, the first in the settlement, as is set out elsewhere in this work. Jeremiah Jewett spent the remainder of his days here and lived to be eighty-four years of age. Sidney A. Jewett grew to manhood in Muncie, helpful in the operations of his father's lime kiln. In 1857 he married Jane Conn, and was living here when the Civil war broke out. He early enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and went to the front as a member of Company B of the 69th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which gallant command he served until the close of the war and was mustered out on July 5, 1865. Upon the completion of his military service he returned to Muncie, where the remainder of his life was spent, his death occurring on February 3, 1904. He was an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. For fifteen years prior to his death he had served the public as superintendent of Beech Grove cemetery. He was a member of the Universalist church and his wife of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Ida, wife of Fred Watson; Charles E., de-

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ceased; William M., who died in California, and Nellie. Reared at Muncie, Frederick E. Jewett was graduated from the high school in 1892 and two weeks after his graduation entered the employ of the Ball Bros. Glass Manufacturing Company, starting in in the shipping department, presently was made shipping clerk and in 1902 was promoted to the position of general superintendent of the great plant (the largest manufactory of fruit jars in the world), and has ever since occupied that position. Mr. Jewett is a Republican and has rendered public service as a member of the board of police commissioners for the city of Muncie. He is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen; a member of the Kiwanis Club, an active member of Post R of the Travelers Protective Association, which he served as president in 1923, in which year he also served the local post of the Sons of Veterans as commander. He and his wife are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church and for the past twenty-five years he has been a member of the board of trustees of that congregation. In 1901 Frederick E. Jewett was united in marriage to LaRhue M. Dungan, daughter of George E. Dungan, former recorder of Delaware county, and granddaughter of John Dungan, one of the pioneers of the county, and to this union have been born three children, Martha, George S. and Sarah.

GEORGE W. HOOVER, cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Eaton and a resident of that city for nearly thirty years, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Delaware county since the days of his young manhood. Mr. Hoover was born on a farm in the adjoining county of Henry, in 1863, and is a son of W. W. and Catherine (Hoover) Hoover, who were the parents of six children, the subject of this sketch (the third in order of birth) having two sisters, Mary E. and Alta M., and three brothers, M. L. A. B. and Benton G. Hoover. Reared on the home farm in Delaware county, George W. Hoover received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and as a young man became engaged in the mercantile business at Wheeling, in this county. In 1894 when the Farmers State Bank of Eaton was organized Mr. Hoover was made assistant cashier of that institution and has ever since been connected with the bank. In 1900 he was advanced to the position of cashier of this bank and has since been serving in that responsible capacity. The Farmers State Bank of Eaton now has resources aggregating right around $500,000. James M. Motsenbocker is president of the bank and Ralph S. Gregory is the vice president. In 1886 George W. Hoover was

united in marriage to Maude E. Hyer, daughter of Henry Hyer, of this county, and to this union four children have been born, Arliss E., Dane H., Ira Forest and Catherine. Dane H. Hoover was a member of the Indiana National Guard when in 1916 that body was federalized and sent on military duty to the Mexican border and he thus participated in army service during that historic flurry. Three years ago he was elected cashier of the Anderson Banking Company of Anderson, Ind.

SAMUEL H. BEMENDERFER, superintendent of the Indianapolis division of the International Correspondence Schools and a resident of Muncie for the past fourteen years, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state practically all his life, the exception being a sometime residence in Chicago just prior to the time of his location at Muncie in 1910. Mr. Bemenderfer was born in the city of Goshen and is a son of the Rev. Allen R. and Alice (Beasecker) Bemenderfer, the latter of whom was born on a farm in the vicinity of that city, in Elkhart county, where she was reared and where she was married. The Rev. Allen R. Bemenderfer, a minister of the Progressive Brethren church and former auditor of Elkhart county, now living retired at Goshen, was born at Canton, Ohio, and was but a boy when he came to Indiana with his parents, Henry Bemenderfer and wife, the family settling at Goshen. Henry Bemenderfer was a brick manufacturer and became established in business in that line at Goshen, becoming also a building contractor, and it was in this line that Allen R. Bemenderfer was trained in his young manhood, a vocation he followed for years, meanwhile pursuing his studies for the ministry and in due time was ordained a minister of the Progressive Brethren church, and was for eighteen years engaged in the gospel ministry. He also took an active part in political affairs, for eight years served as trustee of Elkhart township and served for one term (1918-22) as auditor of Elkhart county. To him and his wife were born two children, the subject of this sketch and a daughter, Florence. Reared on the home farm in the immediate vicinity of Goshen, Samuel H. Bemenderfer received his common schooling in the Goshen city schools and was for five years in attendance at the college at Ashland, Ohio. He also was graduated from the Mennonite Business College at Goshen. Upon leaving college, Mr. Bemenderfer made a comprehensive tour of Europe and upon his return in 1909 became employed as a bookkeeper in Chicago, being thus engaged there in the offices of the Vail & Hunt Company and with the Marshall Field Company. Meanwhile he had become interested in the details of the

work of the International Correspondence Schools and in 1910 was sent to Muncie as the local representative here of that institution and has since been a resident of Muncie. In 1914 he was made division superintendent of the operations of this institution in this section, this division covering about ten counties in Indiana, and two years later he was made superintendent of the whole Indianapolis division, including the territory in Indiana, Kentucky and part of Ohio, and he since has been thus engaged. Mr. Bemenderfer is a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with the consistory and the temple at Indianapolis, and is also a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the civic fraternity Phi Delta Kappa, served as national president of that fraternity in 1917 and was for eight years a member of the finance committee of the same. He is a member of the Church of the Brethren and his wife is a Presbyterian. It was on June 18, 1911, the year following his arrival in Muncie, that Samuel H. Bemenderfer was united in marriage to Merle F. Garris, of the neighboring city of Anderson, and to this union two children have been born, Jean and Samuel H. Bemenderfer, Jr. The Bemenderfers reside at 320 University avenue. Mrs. Bemenderfer was born at Marion, Ind., daughter of Newton Garris and wife, the latter of whom was a Stahl, but was reared at Anderson, her parents having moved to this latter city with their family when she was nine years of age, and she was graduated from the Anderson high school.

BENAIAH HAYNES, for many years a hardware merchant at Eaton, now engaged in business in that city in association with his son, Frank Haynes, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. Mr. Haynes was born on a farm in Union township and early became a skilled carpenter, a vocation he followed for some years and then he became a building contractor and was thus engaged until in 1898, when he became engaged in the hardware business at Eaton, a member of the firm of Aspy & Haynes. In 1907 Mr. Haynes became the sole proprietor of this business and has since continued the business, of late years having as an associate in the business his son, Frank Haynes, this firm having a well equipped store and a stock ample for all local trade needs. Benaiah Haynes married Margaret Holmes, a daughter of Hirman P. and June (Young) Holmes, and to that union were born six children, Edith, Frank, Ruth (deceased), Dorothy, wife of John Hankinson; Wilda, wife of Arthur Furnish, and Crystal. Frank Haynes,

who is engaged in the hardware business in association with his father, married Mabel McCarty and has two children, Elizabeth and Dorothy Maxine. He and his wife are members of the Christian church and he is a Freemason of high degree and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

EARLE H. SWAIN, secretary and treasurer of the Hartley Agency at Muncie and former treasurer of Delaware county, was born at Anthony, Fla., in 1878, and is a son of Elihu H. and Florence (Anthony) Swain, the latter of whom was a daughter of Capt. Edwin C. Anthony, a son of Dr. Samuel P. Anthony, concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. Elihu H. Swain was born at Muncie and was a son of Job and Nancy (Hodge) Swain, the latter of whom was a sister of James Hodge, a cabinet maker who was on the ground here when Delaware county was organized in 1827, and who was elected first justice of the peace of Center township. Job Swain was born in Tennessee and was nine years of age when in 1815 his father, Elihu Swain, moved with his family up into Indiana Territory and settled in the vicinity of Economy in Wayne county. Job Swain reached his majority the year in which Delaware county was erected and the county seat established. In the next year, 1828, he came to Muncietown and began working in the cabinet shop of James Hodge. A few months later he married Hodge's sister and became associated with Hodge in the latter's shop. Later he became associated with one of the Nottinghams in the manufacture of furniture, the plant of Swain & Nottingham occupying the site now occupied by the old Boyce block on Main street. For many years he served as justice of the peace and in 1867 was elected mayor of Muncie. Though reared a Quaker, Job Swain put in his lot with the Methodists upon settling at Muncie and was for years class leader in that society. He died in the spring of 1877. His first wife (Nancy Hodge) died in 1858, leaving six children—three daughters, Eliza, who died unmarried; Melvina R., who married George W. Spilker, and Sarah E., who married William R. Maddy, and three sons, Elihu H., Orlando H. and James Swain. In the fall of 1859 Job Swain married Mrs. Emily (Shimer) Shafer and to this union one child was born, a son, Charles W. Swain. Reared at Muncie, Elihu H. Swain was living there when the Civil war broke out. He went to the front with the 9th Cavalry (121st Indiana) and was with that command returning from New Orleans when on April 27, 1865, the vessel on which they were coming up the Mississippi, the ill-fated "Sultana," was destroyed by an explosion of its boilers, with a loss

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of life exceeding 1,500. Mr. Swain happily escaped and on the following May 15, at Indianapolis, received his discharge, being mustered out as first lieutenant of Company G. Upon his return to Muncie he became engaged in the lumber business and presently was married to Florence Anthony, who also was born in Muncie, daughter of Capt. Edwin C. and Rebecca G. (Vannaman) Anthony. Elihu H. Swain became associated with the development plans of Captain Anthony in Florida in 1876 and was for some years engaged in lumbering and in cotton ginning in that state. He returned to Muncie in the '80s and here spent his last days engaged in business. Earle H. Swain was but a lad when his parents returned to Muncie from Florida, the state of his birth, and he completed his schooling in the Muncie high school. He became employed as a clerk in the Union National Bank of Muncie, was advanced to the position of assistant cashier of that institution and was thus engaged when in 1916, as the nominee of the Republican party, he was elected treasurer of Delaware county. For four years (1918-22) Mr. Swain served as county treasurer and since then has been giving his attention to the general real estate business, secretary and treasurer of the J. J. Hartley Agency, with offices at 116½ East Main street. For five years he has been treasurer of the Delaware County Agricultural and Mechanical Society with which he has been affiliated for the past fifteen years. He also is a member of the board of directors of the Muncie Rural Loan and Savings Company. In 1906 Earle H. Swain was united in marriage to Mary J. Wierman and to this union three children have been born, Thaddeus, Earle and Harriet. Mr. and Mrs. Swain are members of the Episcopal church. Mr. Swain is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees.

FRANK A. SMITH, a veteran of the World war and a well established druggist at Eaton, is a native of the old Buckeye state, born on a farm in Carryall township, Paulding county, Ohio, in 1893, and is a son of B. A. and Lulu (Hook) Smith, the latter of whom was born in that same county, daughter of John and Mary (Donat) Hook. B. A. Smith, who is now engaged in the lumber business at Antwerp, in Paulding county, Ohio, is a native of Indiana, born in Dekalb county, this state, a son of John and Mary Smith. He and his wife have five children, those besides the subject of this sketch, the third in order of birth, being Arlie, Inez, Nora and Irene. Frank A. Smith was but a child when his parents left the farm and moved into Antwerp and his early schooling was received in the Antwerp schools. This he supplemented by a course in Ohio

Northern University at Ada and had not completed his schooling when this country took a hand in the World war in the spring of 1917. He entered the service of the army and was stationed at Camp Travis. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Smith went to Toledo and became engaged in the drug business, remaining there until in 1923, when he came to Indiana and became engaged in the drug business at Eaton, where he ever since has been thus engaged, proprietor of a well equipped and up-to-date drug store at that place. Frank A. Smith married Valera Bevington and has two children, Norma J. and Robert L. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Smith is a Freemason.

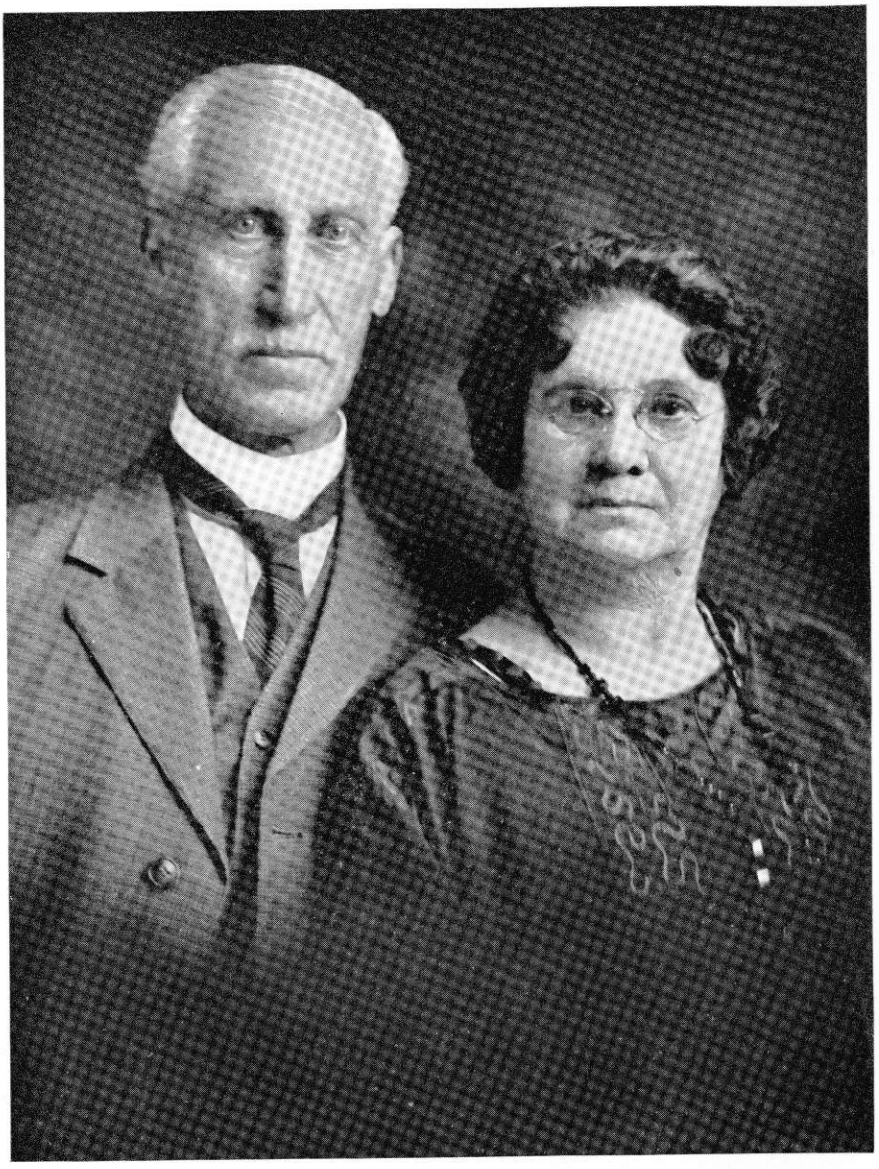
CHARLES W. NEISWANGER, veteran photographer at Muncie and a past president of the exclusive Daguerre Club of Indiana, one of the best known art photographers in eastern Indiana, was born on a farm two miles north of Cambridge City, Ind., September 3, 1865, and is a son of George and Mary Neiswanger, the latter of whom was a native of the state of Maryland. The late George Neiswanger was born at Harpers Ferry, Virginia, and there grew to manhood. After his marriage he came to Indiana, and after a some time residence in Wayne county came to Delaware county and became engaged in farming north of Muncie. In the late '80s he moved with his family to Daviess county, Indiana, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Charles W. Neiswanger completed his schooling in the Southern Indiana Normal College at Mitchell, Ind., and was graduated from that institution in 1888. He taught three terms of school and then took up the study of photography, entering his services as an apprentice in that behalf to a local photographer to whom he paid $25 for the privilege. For the first three months of this apprenticeship he worked without pay and during the succeeding six months was paid at the rate of $3 a week. Upon acquiring a knowledge of "the art and mystery" of the craft Mr. Neiswanger kept on at Muncie for awhile and then went to Senaca Falls, N. Y., where he became engaged in business on his own behalf. Not long afterward he moved to Cincinnati and in that city was engaged in business as a photographer until in 1896, when he returned to Muncie and opened a studio on West Adams street. He presently recognized the need of better quarters and moved his studio to a location on East Main street, where he remained until in 1902, when he moved to his present location at 210 East Washington street, where he ever since has been located, a period of twenty-two years. In 1914 Mr. Neiswanger erected his present capacious studio building,

the only building in Muncie constructed especially for studio purposes, and has there an admirable establishment, equipped in thoroughly up-to-date fashion to meet all demands of his exacting custom. Mr. Neiswanger is a member of the exclusive Daguerre Club of Indiana and has rendered service to his profession as a president of that club. He also is a member of the Tri-State (Ohio, Michigan and Indiana) Association of Photographers and has done his part in advancing the cause of art photography, with particular reference to portraiture, throughout the middle West. He is a Freemason and a member of the order of Knights of Pythias and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Neiswanger married Jennie McCormick, daughter of James McCormick, and has a son, Robert M. Neiswanger, who in 1921 married Hope Stine, of Bluffton, Ind., and who is actively associated with his father in business, operating the Neiswanger studio. For nearly thirty years Mr. Neiswanger has been engaged in business in Muncie and is thus recognized as the oldest photographer in point of continuous service in the city.

ROBERT L. REAM, a veteran of the Spanish-American war and a member of the old established agency of Ream & Ream, realtors, at Muncie, has been a resident of that city since the days of his childhood. Mr. Ream is a son of J. W. and Elizabeth (Walters) Ream, both of whom were born in Ohio, the latter a daughter of Captain Walters, of Shanesville, Ohio. J. W. Ream was born in Canton, Ohio, a son of Henry W. Ream, and some time after his marriage established his home at Muncie. To him and his wife were born three children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mary F., and a brother, Harry W. Ream, who is associated with him in the real estate business at Muncie, a business which has been established here for more than thirty years. Robert L. Ream received his schooling in Muncie and early became a clerk in a shoe store, learning there a business in which he afterward was for twenty years engaged in Muncie, or until he entered the real estate firm with which he is now connected, and has since been engaged as a realtor, a member of the firm of Ream & Ream, with offices at 215½ South Walnut street. During the time of the Spanish-American war and the subsequent trouble in the Philippine Islands, Mr. Ream rendered service as a soldier, a member of the 4th Cavalry, and was with General Lawton in the Philippines. During a part of this service in the islands he was detached as a special bodyguard to General Otis. Robert L. Ream married Martha M. Drummond and has a

daughter, Florence E. Mr. Ream is an Elk and he and Mrs. Ream are members of the Presbyterian church. They reside at 411 West Howard street.

DR. W. A. RICKARD, one of Muncie's veteran physicians, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and has resided here the greater part of his life, engaged in the practice of his profession at Muncie for nearly thirty years. Doctor Rickard was born on a farm in Niles township, this county, September 28, 1847, a son of Loxley and Nancy Rickard, and was reared on that farm. He completed his common schooling by attendance on the Muncie high school, which then was being carried on in the basement of the Universalist church, and in 1871 entered the old college that then was being conducted at Ridgeville, over in the neighboring county of Randolph. In 1875 he was graduated from that institution, meanwhile carrying on studies preparatory to taking up the study of medicine, and upon leaving college entered the office of Doctor Farquhar at Ridgeville, under whose preceptorship he was prepared for medical college, and two years later matriculated at the old Cincinnati Eclectic Medical Institute, from which he was graduated in 1879. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Rickard opened an office for practice at Fairview, in Randolph county, and two years later moved to New Pittsburg, in that same county, where he was engaged in practice for fifteen years, or until in 1895, when he moved to Muncie, where he ever since has been located, he and his wife, who also is a graduate physician, practicing together with present offices and residence at 1315 South Madison street. Mrs. Claudia A. Rickard, M. D., was born and reared in Muskingum county, Ohio, and was for two years engaged in teaching school there. Her parents then moved to Indiana and for several years thereafter she was engaged in teaching in the schools of Delaware and Randolph counties. Meanwhile she was preparing herself for medical college and in time entered the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical Institute, pursuing her studies alongside her husband and was graduated with the same class from which he was graduated in 1879, and the two ever since have been engaged in practice together. It was in 1874 that Dr. W. A. Rickard was united in marriage to Claudia A. Allen, daughter of Ephraim and Sarah Allen, who then were residents of the neighboring county of Jay, and to this union two children have been born, a daughter, Josephine, and a son, Herbert Rickard. Josephine Rickard married Carl Cecil, a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, and has three children,



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Doris, William A. and Herbert D. Cecil. Herbert Rickard, a veteran of the World war, received his initial schooling at Muncie and then entered the Military Institute at Sweet Water, Tenn., from which he was graduated. For two years during the time of his attendance there he was secretary to the president of that institution. Upon leaving Sweet Water he entered Georgetown University at Washington, D. C., and was graduated in law from that institution. While attending Georgetown he for two years served as secretary to the committee of Congress that has in charge the compilation of the Congressional Record and for one year served as secretary to Judge Knapp of the Federal court. In 1916 during the time of the flurry on the Mexican border he rendered army service there, a sergeant in Pershing's army, and when this country took a hand in the World war in the spring of 1917 he continued his army service and was assigned to the 315th Heavy Artillery, with the rank of captain, and was overseas for fourteen months, during which time his command took part in the Argonne campaign. Captain Rickard is now engaged in the oil business at Houston, Tex.

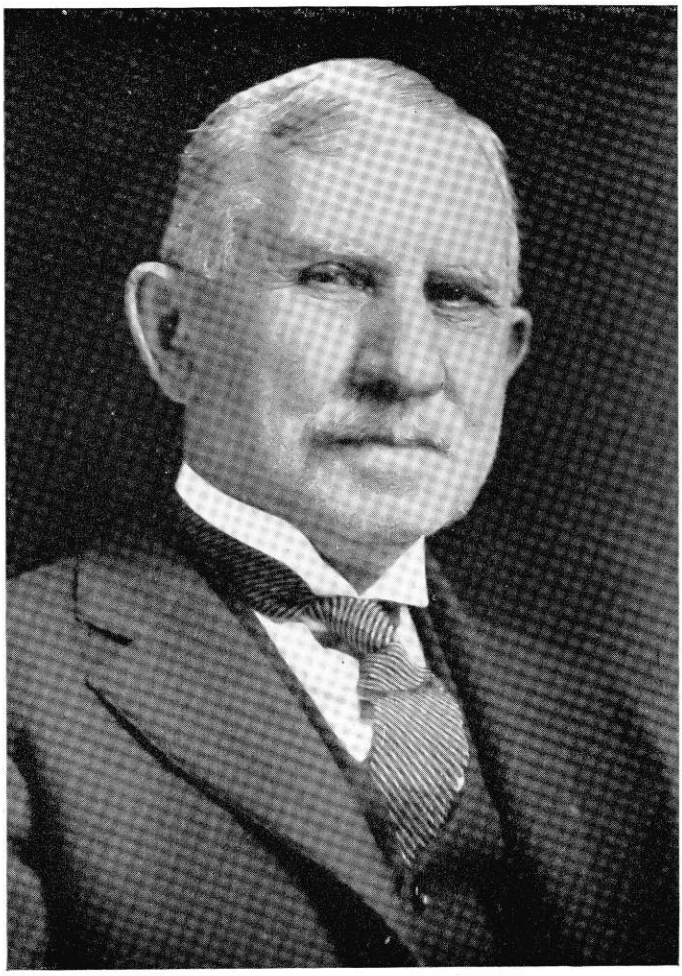
DR. JAMES M. ATKINSON, for more than thirty years a practicing physician at Eaton and thus one of the veteran medical practitioners of Delaware county, was born in the city of Warren in Trumbull county, Ohio, June 18, 1863, and is a son of James and Lucy (Fox) Atkinson, the latter of whom also was born in that same county, in 1836, a daughter of George and Mary (Defenbaugh) Fox, who had moved to that county from Washington county, Pennsylvania, following their marriage, and had established their home among the pioneers of Trumbull county. James Atkinson was born in Virginia in the spring of 1825, in the neighborhood of Fairmount (now in West Virginia), and was a son of John Atkinson and wife, the latter of whom was a Jaynes, who in 1832 moved to Ohio and settled in Trumbull county. John Atkinson, who was a soldier of the War of 1812, was born in Virginia in 1785 and was a son of a soldier of the Revolution. One of his brothers also was a soldier of the War of 1812 and lost his life at the battle of Ft. Meigs. James Atkinson was seven years of age when he accompanied his parents from Virginia to Ohio and he grew up amid pioneer conditions in Trumbull county, in which county he spent the remainder of his life, a farmer and a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. He also served for some time as superintendent of the Trumbull county infirmary. It was in the spring of 1861 he married Lucy Fox. He died in the spring of 1877 and his widow long survived him, her

death occurring in 1908, her last days having been spent in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Baldwin, at Youngstown, Ohio. Besides this daughter there are two other survivors of the six children born to James and Lucy (Fox) Atkinson, Doctor Atkinson having also a brother, Terry Smith Atkinson, born in 1874, who has for many years been engaged in railroad service, now located at Saginaw, Mich. Reared at Warren, James M. Atkinson supplemented the schooling received in the schools of that city by a course in the Grand River Institute at Austinburg, from which he was graduated in 1885, and then devoted himself to medical studies, presently entering the medical school of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and in 1893 was graduated from that institution. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor Atkinson returned to Warren and in the fall of that same year came to Indiana and located at Eaton, establishing himself in practice there on September 14 of that year. A few months later he married and established his home at Eaton, where he ever since has resided, now continuously engaged in practice in this county for more than thirty years. Doctor Atkinson is a member of the Delaware-Blackford (county) Medical Society and of the state and national medical associations. He is a charter member of Eaton lodge, No. 606, Free and Accepted Masons, organized in 1896, and is also one of the organizers of the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his wife is a member of the Episcopal church at Muncie. It was on February 1, 1894, less than six months after he became established in practice at Eaton, that Dr. James M. Atkinson was united in marriage to Indianola Cross and to this union two children have been born, a daughter, Indianola, born on April 24, 1895, who married E. K. Wood, and a son, James M., Jr., August 13, 1897, who is now a student in the medical college of the University of Michigan. Mrs. Atkinson was born at Winslow, N. J., in 1864, and is a daughter of Samuel Rudolph and Anna (Kirchenbauer) Cross, the latter of whom, on the maternal side, was connected with the Virginia Lees. Samuel Rudolph Cross was born in Hammonton, N. J., in 1839, and was married in 1863. He was a glass cutter and followed that trade in the East until in the early '90s when the glass factories became established in this part of Indiana following the opening of the gas field, when he came here and became engaged in the local glass industry and here he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring at Muncie on May 12, 1901. He was a Freemason and was given a Masonic burial.

BORTER A. REES, a substantial farmer and landowner of Monroe township, residing on the Macedonia pike, rural mail route No. 7 out of Muncie, was born in that township, a member of one of the real pioneer families of this county, and has lived there practically all his life. Mr. Rees was born on January 28, 1856, and is a son of David and Melvina (Lewis) Rees, the latter of whom was born in that section of Virginia now comprised within West Virginia and the former, in Lancaster, Ohio, a son of Lewis Rees, who came with his family to what is now Delaware county in 1822 and settled in Perry township, later becoming one of the first associate judges of the circuit court here when this county was organized in 1827, and was a forceful figure hereabout in pioneer days, as is set out elsewhere in this work. David Rees was twelve years of age when he came here with his parents in 1822. As a young man he became possessed of a "forty" of timber land in Monroe township, which he cleared and developed, and after his marriage he established his home in that township. As his affairs prospered he added to his holdings until he came to be the owner of 240 acres of land. His wife died in 1897 and he died in 1905, being then ninety-three years of age. Of the thirteen children born to this pioneer couple eleven grew to maturity and of these five are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Isabel, and three brothers, David, Daniel and James Rees. Reared on the home farm in Monroe township, Borter A. Rees received his schooling in the local schools and continued farming in association with his father until he married and then he rented a part of his father's place and began farming on his own account. A few years later he bought an "eighty" of his own in that township, but some years later sold that place and bought a farm of seventy-five acres in Center township on which he lived for awhile and then disposed of that place and returned to Monroe township, buying a farm in the Cowan neighborhood. After his father's death he bought 120 acres of the old home place and has since been living here, now proprietor of a well improved farm of 173 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Rees have seven children, Stella, Fronia, Lloyd, Clay, Gilbert, Otto and Mary, all of whom are married save the last named, Mary, who was recently graduated from the Cowan high school. Stella Rees married Curtis Bogus and has four children, Dorothy, Delbert, Roberta and Guy. Fronia Rees married Hays Harris and has six children, Wilbur, Eldred, Orville, Evelyn, Eva and Martha. Lloyd Rees married Emma Viretta Ross and has three children, Raymond, Isabel and Alice Fay. Clay Rees married Georgia Conner and has

two children, Gayle and Carl. Gilbert Rees married Artie Snodgrass and has one child, Helen, and Otto Rees married Esther West and has four children, Gladys, Roland, Harry and Tyrenia. It thus will be noted that Mr. and Mrs. Rees have twenty grandchildren. Mrs. Borter A. Rees (Elvira J. Ross) also was born in Monroe township and is a daughter of James A. and Mary (Gibson) Ross, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families here, and who were the parents of ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity, those besides Mrs. Rees being Elmer, Charles, Sherman, Loretta, Allen, George and James. James A. Ross was a son of Aaron Ross, a North Carolinian, who was widely known hereabout in his generation as a pioneer miller at Yorktown. Starting out for himself as a farm hand at a wage of $10 a month, James A. Ross became a landowning farmer in Monroe township, his first purchase there having been a tract of forty acres for which he paid $20 the acre. His affairs prospered and he added to this until he became the owner of a good farm of 120 acres, on which he continued farming until his retirement and removal to Muncie, where he died in 1910. His widow survived him for nine years, her death occurring in 1919.

DAVID MEAREDTH SNIDER, a veteran building contractor of Muncie, now living practically retired in that city, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Indiana and of Delaware county for more than forty years. Mr. Snider was born on a farm in Fairfield county, Ohio, March 10, 1849, and is a son of John D. and Caroline (Kline) Snider, Virginians, who moved into Ohio after their marriage and after a some time residence in Fairfield county established their home in Seneca county, that same state. John D. Snider was a farmer and died in 1862. To him and his wife were born thirteen children, of whom the subject of this sketch now alone survives. It was in 1852 that the Sniders moved to the Fostoria neighborhood in Seneca county, David M. Snider then being but three years of age. He thus got his schooling there and was graduated from the Fostoria high school. Upon leaving school he continued at farm labor for a while and then took up the brickmason's trade and after serving an apprenticeship of three years in that trade became engaged as a contractor in that line. That was in 1873. Mr. Snider continued engaged as a building contractor in Ohio until in 1883, when he came over into Indiana and established his home on a farm on the Wheeling pike five miles north of Muncie, where he lived, meanwhile carrying on building operations, for three years, or until he became engaged as a brick mason on the work then



DAVID MEAREDTH SNIDER

being carried on in connection with the erection of the new Delaware county court house, when he moved to Muncie and has ever since resided here. For almost fifteen years Mr. Snider was engaged in the building trades as a contractor in masonry work in partnership with John M. Hamilton and following Mr. Hamilton's death carried on the business alone until his retirement from the active end of the business in 1920, after more than forty years of active and continuous service in this line and during which time he had a hand in many of the most important masonry contracts carried out in Muncie during the time of the city's practical reconstruction following the beginning of the "boom" here in the late '80s. Mr. Snider resides at 226 North Monroe street. He is an Odd Fellow and a Red Man, is also affiliated with the auxiliary council of the Degree of Pocahontas and he and his wife are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. It was on October 8, 1874, while living in Ohio, that David M. Snider was united in marriage to Mary E. Kiser, who was born in Seneca county, that state, and to this union four children were born, Pearl, Mearedth, Frosa and Leo, all of whom are married. Pearl Snider married Carl Janney, of Muncie; Mearedth Snider married Mary Davis, also of Muncie, and has three children, Phyllis, Arthur and Robert; Frosa Snider married Lloyd White of Muncie, and has one child, a son, David, and Leo Snider married Laveta White and has a son, Don. Mrs. Mary E. Snider is a sister of Jacob F. Kiser, the veteran jeweler of Muncie, concerning whom further mention is made in this work, and a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Foughty) Kiser, the latter of whom spent her last days in Muncie, her death occurring here on March 13, 1903.

DR. FRANK M. PRAY, a practicing physician at Muncie, with special reference to the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, is a native of Michigan but has been a resident of Indiana for nearly thirty years. Doctor Pray was born on a farm in Clinton county, Michigan, and was graduated from the high school at Eureka, that state. He then took up the study of medicine and presently entered the Philadelphia College of Medicine from which he was graduated after a course of three years. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Pray became engaged in practice in Philadelphia but in 1896 came to Indiana and became engaged in practice at Indianapolis. In 1900 he entered the old Central College of Physicians and Surgeons at Indianapolis, now a part of the University of Indiana, and after a further course there, supplemented by eighteen months of travel and study in Europe, where he was enabled to make

special clinical observations in the matter of the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat in the hospitals of Vienna, Berlin, Paris and London, he came to Muncie, in 1914, and has since been engaged in practice here, with present offices at 121 West Adams street. Doctor Pray is a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Dr. Frank M. Pray married Catherine Boor and he and his wife are attendants at the Friends Memorial church. They reside at 315 West Adams street.

JAMES ORR MURRAY, former postmaster at Parker, over the line in Randolph county, and now engaged in the mercantile business at Selma, a member of the firm of Orr & Murray, dealers in hardware and coal, was born on a farm in Delaware township, this county, December 8, 1867, and is a son of Capt. William H. and Margaret J. (Orr) Murray, the latter of whom was born in that same township, a daughter of James and Julia Ann (Hopping) Orr, pioneers of that township and concerning whom further and fitting mention is made elsewhere in this work. The late Capt. William H. Murray, a veteran of the Civil war and former auditor of Delaware county, was born on a pioneer farm in the vicinity of the village of Blountsville in the neighboring county of Henry, January 11, 1840, and was a son of Cornelius B. and Lucinda (Burroughs) Murray, the latter of whom was born in the vicinity of the Falls of Fall Creek (now Pendleton), over in the adjacent county of Madison, daughter of John and Martha Burroughs and a member of one of the pioneer families of that section of Indiana. Cornelius B. Murray was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, a son of William Murray, whose father, a native of Ireland, was a soldier of the American Revolution. In 1836 Cornelius B. Murray and Lucinda Burroughs were married in Randolph county and two years later they settled on a farm in the Blountsville neighborhood, where Mrs. Murray died in 1873. Cornelius B. Murray afterward made his home at Hagerstown and lived to be near ninety years of age. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, so that the Murray connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one. William H. Murray was reared on the home farm in the Blountsville neighborhood and his schooling was completed in the old Blountsville Academy, where he was a student when the Civil war broke out. On July 14, 1861, he enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and went to the front as a member of Company K of the 19th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. On

July 2, 1863, for meritorious conduct on the field at the battle of Gettysburg he was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant, in the following year was commissioned a first lieutenant and served until by reason of physical disability due to wounds received in battle he was honorably discharged on September 14, 1864, and later received the brevet rank of captain. In the battle of South Mountain Captain Murray received a serious wound and in the battle of the Wilderness, in May, 1864, was again seriously wounded. Upon the completion of his military service Captain Murray returned home and in the next year, February 16, 1865, married Margaret J. Orr, of this county, and became engaged in farming in Delaware township, teaching school during the winters. In 1870 he left the farm and became engaged in the mercantile business at Selma. In the fall of 1878 he was elected auditor of Delaware county and while performing the duties of this office made his home in Muncie. Upon leaving the auditor's office he bought a farm in Liberty township and there made his home until his retirement from the farm and removal to Selma. Mrs. Murray died in 1912 and the Captain died in 1915. Captain Murray was a Republican and had rendered other public service besides that as county auditor. Back in the '70s he served for some time as trustee of Liberty township and when the county council was created in 1899 he was elected a member of that body and served as its first president. He was for years an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Captain and Mrs. Murray were the parents of seven children, the subject of this sketch (the second in order of birth) having three sisters, Mrs. Lulu M. Reed, Mrs. Margaret M. Bailey and Mrs. Edna K. Koerner, and three brothers, Dr. Don P. Murray, Arthur L. Murray and Judge Robert F. Murray, judge of the Delaware-Grant superior court, concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere. Reared on the home farm, James Orr Murray completed his schooling in the Muncie city schools and gave his attention to the farm until he was twenty-three years of age when he became engaged in the mercantile business at Parker, over the line in Randolph county, and in 1897 was appointed postmaster of that village, serving until on May 9, 1909, when he resigned on account of ill health and returned to his father's farm. Five years later, in 1914, he became engaged in his present business, hardware, farm implements and coal, at Selma, and has since been thus engaged, associated in business with his uncle, Charles M. Orr, and doing business under the firm name of Orr & Murray. In 1891 James Orr Murray was united in marriage to Edna M. Dotson, daugh-

ter of Charles Dotson, of Parker, and he and his wife have three children, two sons, Charles W. and Don P., and a daughter, Mildred M., the latter of whom married John Jewitt and has one child, a son, John Murray Jewitt. Charles W. Murray, a veteran of the World war, is now manager of the Janesville Traction Company, of Janesville, Wis. He served as a second lieutenant of Company G of the 59th regiment, infantry, of the regular army during the time of this country's participation in the World war and saw much active service in France and also was with the Army of Occupation on the Rhine. Don P. Murray also served in the World war, with the rank of second lieutenant, attached to the 152d regiment, infantry. James Orr Murray is a Republican, as are all the members of his family. They are members of the United Presbyterian church and he is a member of the local post of the Sons of Veterans.

DR. F. E. HILL, a Muncie physician, with offices at 215 West Jackson street, was born in Felicity, Clermont county, Ohio, on March 4, 1862. He is the son of Nathan S. and Hattie Corey Hill, the latter coming from an old Colonial family of Revolutionary stock. Dr. Nathan S. Hill was graduated from the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, at the beginning of the Civil war and immediately entered into the service of his country as a surgeon of the 149th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He marched with Sherman to the sea and served as surgeon until the close of the war, being mustered out of service at Washington, D. C., in 1865. After the close of the war he located at Neville, Ohio, where he continued in the active practice of medicine until the time of his death in 1896. To Dr. Nathan S. and Hattie Corey Hill, five children were born. Two sons died in early infancy. The three living children are Dr. Frank E. Hill, Mrs. Charles A. Sharp and Miss Lelia L. Hill, all of whom reside in Muncie. Dr. F. E. Hill, after completing the course of instruction in the public schools at Neville, Ohio, entered the preparatory department of the Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, in 1880. During the summer vacation months he studied medicine under the preceptorship of his father. He was graduated from the Ohio State University in June, 1886. The degree of Bachelor of Science was conferred upon him. He was president of the graduating class. He then entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1890. Upon receiving his diploma he located at Mt. Auburn, Ky., and practiced general medicine there until 1895. He then went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and practiced there until 1898 when he located in Muncie, where he has practiced ever since. While in Cincinnati he was assistant to Professor Kelly and conducted the

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medical clinic at the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery. This school later combined with the other Cincinnati schools to become the medical department of the University of Cincinnati. Doctor Hill's religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian church. He is a Mason, a Knight Templar and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Doctor Hill was united in marriage in June, 1890, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Jessie G. Daughters, daughter of Oscar and Kate Daughters. To this union five children have been born, a daughter who died in infancy; Walter, who died in early childhood; Edith L. Thompson, wife of Paul R. Thompson, of Muncie; Dr. Howard E. Hill and Robert E. Hill. Dr. Howard E. Hill, during the World war, was a member of the S. A. T. C. of the Indiana University, from which institution he was graduated in his pre-medic work in 1921, taking the degree of bachelor of science. He completed his studies in medicine and was graduated from the Indiana Medical College, the medical department of Indiana University, in 1924, and is now an assistant surgeon in the United States Navy, with rank of junior lieutenant. Robert E. Hill is a sophomore student at the Indiana Dental College at Indianapolis. Dr. F. E. Hill is affiliated with the American Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Society, the Eighth District Medical Society, the Delaware-Blackford Medical Society and the Muncie Academy of Medicine.

ALBERT PALMER, an attorney at law living at Eaton and for more than twenty years a justice of the peace in and for Union township, is a native of the old Buckeye state, as are so many of the people of Delaware county, but has long been a resident of this county. Mr. Palmer was born on a farm in the vicinity of Bellefontaine, in Logan county, Ohio, in 1868, and is a son of Robert Palmer and wife, the latter of whom was a Davis. Robert Palmer, who was a soldier of the Union during the time of the Civil war, was born at Coshocton, Ohio, and was a son of John Palmer, a member of one of the pioneer families of Ohio. Reared in Logan county, Albert Palmer early took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar. In 1900 he established his home at Eaton, took up there the practice of law and has ever since been thus engaged, continuing to make his home at that place. In 1904 Mr. Palmer was elected justice of the peace and by successive re-elections ever since has occupied that magisterial position in the community in which he resides. Albert Palmer married Myrtle Mansfield, daughter of Robert Mansfield and a member of the pioneer Mansfield family of this county, and he and his wife have one child, a daughter, Lottie, who married Aaron Richardson and has two sons, Robert and Albert Richardson.

JOHN F. CLEVENGER, trustee of Monroe township, former assessor of that township, formerly and for years widely known throughout this region as a music teacher and for the past twenty years giving his special attention to the tuning of pianos, making his home at Cowan, where he has resided for many years, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the real pioneer families here, and has lived in this county all his life. Mr. Clevenger was born on a farm in Monroe township on March 1, 1853, and is a son of Joseph and Martha (Heinecker) Clevenger, the latter of whom was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, and both of whom were members of pioneer families in this county, the Clevengers and the Heineckers having been among the families that effected early settlement in the southern part of the county. Joseph Clevenger was born in Clermont county, Ohio, and was but a lad when he came into Delaware county with his parents, Samuel Clevenger and wife, the family settling on an uncleared timber tract in Salem township, where he grew to manhood wrestling with the problems of developing a woodland farm. After his marriage he established his home on an eighty acre farm in Monroe township and there continued farming the rest of his life. Of the nine children born to him and his wife but two are now living, the subject of this sketch and his brother Joseph. Reared on the home farm in Monroe township, John F. Clevenger received his schooling in the local schools and early became recognized in the community for his musical proficiency. Developing this musical talent, he early began teaching music and for years was thus engaged, not only carrying his pupils along by means of private lessons but conducting singing schools throughout the county, in the days when the local singing schools were regarded not only as useful but highly enjoyable neighborhood diversions. Mr. Clevenger also for years taught instrumental music and served as bandmaster in the training of village bands and thus became widely known in musical circles hereabout. About twenty years ago he began to give his special attention to the tuning of pianos and has since been thus engaged. Mr. Clevenger is a Republican and has long given his attention to local civic affairs. In 1900 he was elected trustee of Monroe township and served four years in that public capacity. In 1918 he was again elected trustee and in 1922 was re-elected thus now serving his second consecutive term in that office. He also served one term as township assessor and has rendered other public service from time to time in appointive positions. He is a past noble grand of Cowan lodge No. 561, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. John F.

Clevenger married Kate S. Linville, daughter of Boyd and Mary Linville, pioneers of the southern part of the county, and he and his wife have two daughters, Louise L. and Edith, the latter of whom married Robert Beatty and has a son, George Franklin. Louise L. Clevenger married Vere Hamilton and has two children, Lillian Bernice and Robert A. Hamilton, the former of whom is a graduate of the Muncie high school and the Muncie Normal School.

DR. SAMUEL ALBERT MARTIN, dental surgeon at Muncie with an experience of more than twenty-five years of practice there, has been a resident of Muncie since the days of his childhood. Doctor Martin was born at Franklin, in Johnson county, Indiana, and is the son and only child of Dr. John S. and Laura A. (Clark) Martin, both of whom were born in that same county, the latter a daughter of John R. and Keziah Clark. Dr. John S. Martin, who has been a practicing physician at Muncie for more than forty years, was born on November 21, 1851, and is a son of Samuel C. and Jane (Hawthorne) Martin, who were born in Henry county, Kentucky, and who after their marriage established their home in Johnson county, Indiana. After a course in Franklin College, John S. Martin began teaching school and was for seven years thus engaged during the winters. He presently began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. J. D. George at Franklin and after preliminary studies entered the Medical College of the Homeopathic Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1883. Thus prepared for practice he moved his family from Franklin to Muncie and has been practicing his profession in Muncie ever since, with present offices and residence at 324 East Adams street. Samuel Albert Martin was but a lad when his parents moved to Muncie from Franklin and he grew up in Muncie. Upon completing his work in high school he entered Wabash College and after a course of two years of study there entered the Indiana Dental College at Indianapolis. Upon his graduation from this institution in 1899 he returned to Muncie and opened an office for the practice of dental surgery, and has ever since been thus engaged, with present offices at 215½ South Walnut street, where he has been located for nearly twenty years. The Doctor is a member of the Muncie Dental Association, the Indiana State Dental Association and the Northern Indiana Dental Association. He is a member of the college fraternity Phi Kappa Psi (literary) and of the Xi Psi Phi fraternity (dental), and is a Freemason. On January 8, 1902, Dr. S. A. Martin was united in marriage to Ida E. Jacobs, daughter of John K. Jacobs, of Muncie, and

to this union have been born two children, a son, John Albert, and a daughter, Mary Anne, the former of whom was graduated from the Muncie high school with the class of 1923, and the latter of whom is a member of the class of 1927. John Albert Martin is now a student at Wabash College. Doctor Martin and his family reside at 405 East Charles street.

JOHN W. FARLING, a veteran timber cruiser now engaged in business as a timber buyer, has for years been a resident of Muncie and is widely known in the timber trade. Mr. Farling was born on a farm in Richland county, Ohio, July 19, 1851, and is a son of Abraham and Lavina (Zimmerman) Farling, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. After his marriage Abraham Farling moved from Pennsylvania into Ohio and settled on a farm in Richland county, where he remained until 1864 when he moved over into VanWert county (Ohio) and established his home on an eighty-acre farm he bought in the Delphos neighborhood. John W. Farling was thirteen years of age when he moved with his parents to VanWert county and he grew to manhood on the farm there. He married when twenty years of age and continued farming in Ohio until in 1878 when he came over into Indiana and became engaged in farming in the vicinity of Butler, in Dekalb county. For ten years thereafter, Mr. Farling continued farming in Indiana and then, in 1888, became employed as a timber buyer for the G. V. Griffith handle factory at Huntington. When this plant was moved from Huntington to Albany he retained this connection and when the plant was moved from Albany to Muncie he became a resident of Muncie, which ever since has been his home, with residence at 1100 East Willard street. For thirty-two years, Mr. Farling continued his connection with this firm and then in 1920 became engaged as a timber buyer on his own account and has since been thus engaged, the field of his operations covering a wide territory hereabout, for the days of the old choice timber in this immediate locality long have passed. Since in October, 1923, he also has been operating a sawmill on South Walnut street. Mr. Farling and his wife are members of the Madison Street Methodist Episcopal church. In August, 1871, while living in VanWert county, John W. Farling was united in marriage to Rhoda Ann Bodey, who was born in the vicinity of Delphos in that county, daughter of Peter and Hannah Bodey, and to this union seven children were born, Lewis, Ola, Pearl, Fronia, Dora, Edith and Arthur, through whose several marriages Mr. and Mrs. Farling have fifteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Lewis Farling married Minnie Bowers and has one

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child, Paul, who married Anna V. Clifford and has one child, Lois Jean. Ola Farling, who married William Hyer of Huntington, Ind., now deceased, is now living at 1308 East Willard street, Muncie. She has five children, Jessie, Lester, Donald, Dorothy and Lettia Hyer. Jessie Hyer married Thomas Martin, of Fairfield, Ill., and has one child, a son, Thomas Jr. Lester Hyer married Leada White, of Muncie, and has two daughters, Betty Francine and Catherine June, and Dorothy Hyer married Roy Bogart of Muncie. Pearl Farling married Jacob Eberdine, of Huntington, now living at Detroit, and has two children, Edith and Evelyn, the latter of whom married Ferdinand Nordstrom of Detroit and has a daughter, Betty Jean. Edith Eberdine married William Sanders of Homestead, Fla. She has a son, Raymond Lee Sanders. Fronia Farling married Joseph Schramm, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., now living at Bennington, Vt., and has three children, Kenneth, Agnes and Lucille. Dora Farling married Harry McGarvey, of Huntington, Ind., now living at 924 South Beacon street, Muncie, and has three children, Vernon, Vonia and Virginia June. Edith Farling married Charles Demorest Smith, of Muncie, and has one child, a son, Eugene Rollin Smith. Arthur Farling, who is engaged in the confectionery business on South Walnut street at Muncie, married Gladys Smith and resides at 214 Meeks avenue.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SHROYER, cashier of the Merchants National Bank of Muncie, with which institution he has been connected almost from the time of its organization thirty years ago, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and has resided here all his life. Mr. Shroyer was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of the historic old village of New Burlington, in Perry township, April 24, 1873, and is a son of George W. and Mary (Benbow) Shroyer, both now deceased, and the latter of whom also was born in this county, the Benbows having been among the early settlers here. The late George W. Shroyer, a veteran of the Civil war, formerly and for years postmaster at New Burlington and a merchant there, was born in Ohio, August 14, 1832, and was a son of Michael Shroyer, who died when he was but a lad. With his widowed mother he came over here into Delaware county, the family settling in Perry township, where he was living, working as a carpenter, when the Civil war broke out. On August 2, 1862, he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union cause and in camp at Richmond, Ind., was assigned to Company B, 69th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which command was rushed to the front and a

few days later, August 30, met disaster at the battle of Richmond, Ky. Mr. Shroyer was seriously wounded in this unfortunate engagement and was taken prisoner by the enemy and sent to a Confederate hospital, under command of Gen. Kirby Smith, where he presently was exchanged on parole and sent home. Upon recovering from his wounds he rejoined his command, which had been merged with the 147th Indiana and was made lieutenant of Company B of this latter regiment, with which command he served until the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Shroyer returned home and on June 22, 1866, was united in marriage to Mary Benbow, who was born in this county on July 14, 1846. For some years after his marriage Mr. Shroyer carried on farming operations in the New Burlington neighborhood and then became engaged in the mercantile business in that village and was made postmaster, in succession to Dr. S. V. Jump, and was for years engaged in business there. His wife died on April 2, 1899, and he survived her for more than ten years, his death occurring on February 12, 1910, he then being past seventy-seven years of age. He was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which faith their children were reared. There were three of these children, sons all, the subject of this biographical review, the second in order of birth, having two brothers, John B. Shroyer, born on March 22, 1869, who is now living at Shideler, this county, and Walter Shroyer, January 21, 1879, now a resident of Anderson. Reared at New Burlington, Benjamin F. Shroyer received his schooling in the schools of that village and was early trained in commercial forms in his father's store, where he was engaged as general assistant and bookkeeper until he was past twenty-one years of age, when he sought a wider outlet for the exercise of his business talents and on September 17, 1895, became employed as a bookkeeper in the Merchants National Bank at Muncie, with which institution he ever since has been connected, a period of more than twenty-eight years. Mr. Shroyer advanced on up through the ranks of the bank's staff until in good time he was made assistant cashier and then in 1916 was elected cashier of the bank, the position he now occupies, and is thus very properly regarded as one of the real "veterans" in the banking business in Muncie. Mr. Shroyer and his wife are Republicans and are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Shroyer is a Freemason and has attained to the capitular degree (Royal Arch) in that ancient order. He also is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of the influential Muncie Exchange Club. Since

in April, 1914, he has been serving as treasurer of the Preachers' Aid Society of the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1899 Benjamin F. Shroyer was united in marriage to Emma Bedwell, of Muncie, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Raymond Roads Shroyer, whose name carries a nice compliment to his father's long time associate in banking, the late Hardin Roads, for many years president of the Merchants National Bank. Raymond Roads Shroyer was a student in the University of Michigan during the time of this country's participation in the World war and rendered service in the Students Army Training Corps of that institution. He was graduated from the university in 1922 and is now with the National City Company of New York, one of the greatest banking institutions in the country.

SAMUEL C. HERMANN, former trustee of Monroe township and for years engaged in the grain and coal business at Cowan, proprietor of the grain elevator there, has been a resident of Delaware county for more than thirty years. Mr. Hermann was born on a farm in Darke county, Ohio, May 22, 1868, and is a son of Samuel A. and Lavina (Bergman) Hermann, both of whom also were born in Ohio and whose lives were spent there, the former dying in 1879. Samuel C. Hermann was eleven years of age when his father died. He remained in Darke county near his birthplace until he was twenty-five years of age, when in 1893, he came over into Indiana and began working in the factories at Muncie. In the next year he married and "settled down" in Muncie and two years later, in 1896, he began working in the old Wilson grain elevator, at that time being operated by Frank B. Miller. Six years later he bought Miller out and for ten years thereafter operated the elevator as proprietor. During this time, in 1909, he bought the elevator at Cowan and in 1910 he disposed of his Muncie plant and moved to Cowan, where he since has made his home, continuing to carry on his grain business and also operating a coal yard, two threshing rigs and a cider mill. His elevator is equipped for grinding but the operations of this mill are confined to local demands for custom work in the way of feeds. Mr. Hermann formerly operated three elevators, having had besides the elevators at Muncie and Cowan an elevator at Mt. Summit, and at one time also owned the elevator at Oakville, but of late years he has confined his operations to his plant at Cowan, where he is well equipped. Mr. Hermann is a Republican and for four years (1915-19) served as trustee of Monroe township. He married Lucy B. Rohr, daughter of William and Elizabeth Rohr,

and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church. For some time Mr. Hermann served as the superintendent of the Sunday school of this congregation.

DR. BENJAMIN B. MORROW, for years a practicing physician at Muncie, is a native of the old Buckeye state, born at Mt. Victory, in Hardin county, Ohio, in 1872, and is a son of Dr. Charles W. and Elizabeth Ann (Beamer) Morrow, the latter of whom, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Kelly) Beamer, was for years a teacher in the schools of Mt. Victory. Dr. Charles W. Morrow, for years a practicing physician at Mt. Victory, and a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Belmont county, Ohio. His father was a Pennsylvanian, having moved to Ohio from the vicinity of Pittsburg. His mother, who was a McElroy, was born in Ireland and was but a child when she came to this country with her parents, the family settling in Union county, Ohio. Two of Dr. Charles W. Morrow's brothers, John A. and William M. Morrow, also served as soldiers of the Union during the time of the Civil war. To Dr. Charles W. and Elizabeth A. (Beamer) Morrow were born two children, Dr. Benjamin B. Morrow having had a sister, Harriet, a teacher in the schools of Bellefontaine, Ohio, who was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1894, and who died in 1896. Reared at Mt. Victory, Dr. Benjamin B. Morrow was from the days of his boyhood attracted to the medical profession and under his father's able preceptorship was early given preparatory instruction along that line. Upon completing the course in the Delaware (Ohio) high school class of 1890, he entered Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and in 1894 was graduated from that institution. He then entered the Ohio Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati and following his graduation from that institution in 1897 became engaged in practice at Mt. Victory, his home town, where he remained until his removal in 1907 to Muncie, where he since has been engaged in practice, with present offices at 302½ South Walnut street. When this country called for volunteers for civilian service during the "flu" epidemic in 1918 Doctor Morrow volunteered his services in behalf of the Medical Corps of the army and was commissioned for service, this service being rendered at East Palestine, at St. Marys, Pa., and in the emergency hospital at Washington, D. C. Doctor Morrow for more than twenty years has been an active and an influential factor in the fraternal organization of the Loyal Order of Moose. In the national convention of this order in 1910 Doctor Morrow, a representative from the local lodge in that convention, proposed to the convention that it adopt his plan

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of taking over the old normal school buildings at Muncie (now utilized by the state as a branch of the state normal school) and converting the same into a great national institution for the manual training of the orphan children of the Loyal Order of Moose. He continues to be recognized in his order as the original proponent of the idea which culminated in Mooseheart. The Doctor is a member of the state and national medical associations and of the Delaware-Blackford Medical Society and the Muncie Academy of Medicine; he also is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi college fraternity and of the Amphictonian Literary Society. Dr. Benjamin B. Morrow married Mrs. Isabel Halstead, who died in 1914. By her former marriage she had two sons, Leigh and Charles Harcourt, the latter of whom is a member of the class of 1926, Muncie high school. Leigh Halstead was graduated from the high school in 1922. He married Mildred Bruton.

JOHN B. JACKSON, a former member of the board of county commissioners, a former trustee of Perry township, former assessor of that township and a substantial landowner of the township, now living retired at Selma, is a native son of Delaware county and is a member of one of the real pioneer families of the county, his grandfather having been one of the original land entrants in Perry township. Mr. Jackson was born on a farm in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood in Perry township, September 3, 1846, and is a son of James H. and Elizabeth (West) Jackson, the latter of whom was a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Benbow) West, who had come here from South Carolina and were among the pioneers of the neighboring county of Henry. James H. Jackson was born in Shelby county, Ohio, February 6, 1822, and was thirteen years of age when in 1836 he came to Delaware county with his parents, Jesse and Mary (Williams) Jackson, both natives of Virginia, the family settling on a tract of land which Jesse Jackson had entered from the government in sections 17 and 18 in Perry township, there in the valley of Prairie creek north of Mt. Pleasant, where he took part in the development of a pioneer farm and grew to manhood. In his twenty-third year, December 1, 1845, he married Elizabeth West and established a home of his own, continuing farming all his life, the owner of a good farm of 184 acres. James H. Jackson died on October 28, 1888, and was buried in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery. He was the fourth in order of birth of the thirteen children born to his parents and the Jackson connec-

tion of this family in the present generation is thus a considerable one. Of the four children born to James H. Jackson and wife the subject of this sketch is the first born, the others being Edward D. Jackson, born on March 28, 1849; Elizabeth J., February 11, 1853, who married Jacob H. Kilmore, and Emma Z., March 22, 1859, who married Mark Swearingen. John B. Jackson grew up on the home farm in Perry township and the schooling he received in the Mt. Pleasant school (district No. 5) was supplemented by a course in the old academy or high school at Blountsville, down over the line in Henry county. He then began to teach school and was thus employed for several winters, teaching one term in Perry township and the remainder in Wayne county, after which he settled down to the labors of the farm. He married in his twenty-fourth year and then bought a farm of 100 acres in Perry township, paying for the same $45 an acre, and on this place established his home, later adding to his holdings until he became the owner of 140 acres, which he still owns; and there he continued farming until his retirement in 1918 and removal to Selma, where he since has made his home. Mr. Jackson is a Republican and has rendered public service in several capacities. For five years (1885-1890) he served as assessor of Perry township and for a similar term (1890-1895) served as trustee of that township. In 1910 he was elected member of the board of county commissioners from his district and thus served a term in that important public office. He is a York Rite (Knights Templar) Mason, affiliated with the blue lodge (Whitney No. 229) at New Burlington and with the commandery (No. 18) at Muncie. It was on July 2, 1870, that John B. Jackson was united in marriage to Elizabeth Jane Marshall, who also was born in Perry township, March 9, 1850, sixth in order of birth of the ten children born to Miles and Elizabeth (Bell) Marshall, the latter of whom was a daughter of James and Margaret (Blair) Bell. Miles Marshall was born in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1811, and was married in that state, not long afterward, in 1836, coming over into Indiana and establishing himself on a pioneer farm in Perry township, this county, where he spent the remainder of his life, coming to be the owner of a farm of 320 acres. To John B. and Elizabeth Jane (Marshall) Jackson were born five children, namely: Miles H., born on December 12, 1871; Clyde E., April 27, 1873, who died in the following September; Fatima L., December 20, 1875; Gola M., April 9, 1877, and Eva E., November 16, 1881. The mother of these children died on April 22, 1914, and on March 21, 1918, Mr. Jackson married Nancy E. Tunks. Miles H. Jackson married Lu-

cinda Rees and has one child, a son, Leroy, who married Naomi Knight and has a son, Miles Robert Jackson. Fatima L. Jackson married Dr. Gilbert Jump and has one child, Marion. Gola M. Jackson married Bessie Smithson and has one child, Leah, and Eva E. Jackson married Lloyd Walradth.

A. E. CECIL, one of Liberty township's progressive farmers and stockmen, proprietor of a well improved farm in the Mt. Tabor neighborhood, rural mail route No. 5 out of Muncie, was born on that farm and has lived there the greater part of his life. Mr. Cecil was born on June 13, 1875, and is a son of Walter A. and Carrie (Kindel) Cecil, the latter of whom was born at Mt. Pleasant, Tenn. Walter A. Cecil was born in Liberty township, a member of the pioneer Cecil family that had its beginning in this county with the coming of Aaron Cecil, a Virginian, here in 1831, and which has ever since been prominently represented in this county. To Walter A. Cecil and wife were born six children, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Pearl, Daisy and Goldie, and two brothers, John K. and W. Ray Cecil. Reared on the home farm in Liberty township, A. E. Cecil received his early schooling in the Mt. Tabor school and then spent two years in DePauw University. Upon his return from college he became associated with his father in the operations of the home farm and remained there until after his marriage when he bought a place of eighty-four acres and began farming on his own account. For five years he farmed that place and then sold it and bought a farm of 180 acres in Marion county, where he lived for five years, at the end of which time he sold that place and returned to Delaware county. Upon his return here Mr. Cecil bought the old home place of 200 acres and has since been engaged in farming there. In addition to his general farming he also does quite a business in dairying and in the raising of live stock for the market. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil are Republicans and are members of the Selma Methodist Episcopal church. They have three children, Walter P., Paul E. and Edith Carolyn, all of whom are still at home. Mrs. Cecil (Leora M. Phillips) also was born in Liberty township, daughter of William H. and Mahala Frances (Keesling) Phillips, who were the parents of five children, Mrs. Cecil having two sisters, Florence G. and Nellie E., and two brothers, Edgar E. and Harry H. Phillips. Both William H. Phillips and his wife also were born in this county, the latter in Perry township, a daughter of Martin and Cora Keesling. William H. Phillips was born in Liberty township in 1840, a son of Henry and Susanna (Sweetman) Phillips, who were married in Butler county, Ohio,

and who in 1836, immediately following their marriage, established their home on a tract of land which Henry Phillips had entered from the government in section 7 of Liberty township, this county, where they developed a good farm and spent the remainder of their lives, helpful pioneers of that neighborhood, about three miles east of Muncie. Henry Phillips and his wife had five children, three sons and two daughters. William H. Phillips early fitted himself for teaching and was for about ten years a teacher in the schools of this county. He married in 1870 and thereafter devoted himself to farming, coming to be the owner of a good farm of 150 acres in section 5 of Liberty township. He also was a member of the board of directors of the Delaware County Bank of Muncie.

ALVAH LORENZO BINGHAM, president of the Machinists Foundry Company of Muncie, superintendent of mechanics at the great plant of the Ball Bros. Glass Manufacturing Company and a former member of the city council, is a Vermonter by birth but has been a resident of Indiana and of Muncie since the year 1889, having come here when the Ball interests were moved from Buffalo to Muncie in that year. Mr. Bingham was born at St. Albans, Vt., December 8, 1865, and is a son of Lorenzo D. and Elizabeth (Adams) Bingham, the latter of whom was born at Barre, Mass. Lorenzo D. Bingham was a Canadian by birth, born in Sherbrook, Ontario, and was for many years engaged in blacksmithing and carriage making at St. Albans, where both he and his wife spent their last days. They were the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters. Reared at St. Albans, A. L. Bingham received his schooling there and early learned the art of telegraphy, at which he worked for some time or until he took up the iron trade, taking employment with Frank & Company, builders of woodworking machinery at Buffalo, N. Y. Two years later, in 1886, he began his connection, at Buffalo, with the Ball brothers' glass works, and when in 1889 that establishment was moved to Muncie he came along as a part of the organization and has ever since been connected with the same, present superintendent of mechanics at the plant, besides which he also has charge of the machine shop, the stamping works and the corrugated box department of the great plant, having under his direction about five hundred employes. Mr. Bingham is an inventor of more than local reputation and is the designer and patentee of no fewer than seven important types of glass-working machines, used in the manufacture of fruit jars, bottles and the like, all used in the Ball plant, and also has designed and has manufactured four machines used in the manu-

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facture of fruit-jar caps and similar metal articles. In 1905 Mr. Bingham organized the Machinists Foundry Company of Muncie, the concern starting as a co-partnership with F. E. Burt and John McLaughlin. In the next year this concern was incorporated with a capital stock of $10,000 and in 1922 was re-capitalized for $100,000, with Mr. Bingham as president of the company, F. E. Burt as vice president and R. O. Burt as secretary-treasurer. This concern manufactures gray iron, brass, bronze and aluminum products and makes a specialty of automobile parts. The plant at Macedonia and Tenth streets has been enlarged from time to time as expansion required and now employs about eighty men. Mr. Bingham is a Democrat and for eight years served as councilman at large in the city common council. He also has served a term as a member of the board of safety and as a member of the park board. He is a Freemason and is a member of the local tent of the Knights of the Maccabees, of Post R. of the Travelers Protective Association, of the Chamber of Commerce, the Elks Club and the Exchange Club, an active member of the Young Men's Christian Association and a member of St. John's Universalist church. In 1889, the year of his arrival in Muncie, A. L. Bingham was united in marriage, at Marilla, N. Y., to Alice E. Eldridge, who died at Muncie in 1913, leaving two daughters, Alice E. and Mildred L.

HARRY R. THEIS, clerk of the town of Selma and a druggist of that place, proprietor of the only drug store in Selma, is a native of the state of Illinois but has been a resident of Indiana for nearly fifteen years. Mr. Theis was born at Mason in Effingham county, Illinois, January 4, 1872, and is a son of Frederick W. and Elizabeth Caroline (Thompson) Theis, the latter of whom was born in Indiana. The late Frederick W. Theis, a native of Germany, came to America when he was eighteen years of age and located at Indianapolis. Because of defective eyesight he entered the Indiana State School for the Blind and was there trained as a broom-maker. He married at Indianapolis and remained there until he moved to Mason, Ill., in the heart of the broomcorn country, there became engaged in the manufacture of brooms and in that place spent the remainder of his life. Harry R. Theis was reared at Mason and early became a barber, a vocation he followed for years, starting at Mason and being thus engaged there and in other towns in Illinois until in 1911, when he came to Indiana and located at Lebanon, where he remained for a couple of years or until in 1913, when he moved to Selma, which since has been his place of residence. Upon locating

at Selma Mr. Theis opened a barber shop there and was thus engaged in the barber business for ten years, or until in February, 1923, when he sold his barber shop and bought the drug store and has since been engaged in the drug and druggist's sundries business, proprietor of the only drug store in Selma, and is doing well. Mr. Theis is a Republican and is now rendering public service as clerk of the town of Selma. For some time during his residence at Mason he also served as clerk of that town. He is a past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is also affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men. On April 22, 1913, Harry R. Theis married Iva M. Williams, daughter of W. H. and Johanna Williams, of Selma, and a former teacher in the Gaston and Selma schools. Mr. and Mrs. Theis are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM ALBERT McCLELLAN, a member of the bar of the Delaware circuit court and former judge of the Muncie city court, was born at Muncie on December 31, 1892, and is a son of Ney W. and Laura (Blount) McClellan. Ney W. McClellan also was born in this county, in 1866, a son of Capt. William A. and Lydia A. (Blackford) McClellan, the former of whom was born at Cedarville, Ohio, in 1837, a son of James and Harriet (Beemer) McClellan. James McClellan was born in the Cedarville neighborhood in 1817, a son of William and Katie (Criswell) McClellan, the former of whom was born in the Georgetown settlement in what then was Kentucky county, Virginia, in 1780, a son of Benjamin McClellan, a native of Scotland, who was one of the promoters of the historic Georgetown settlement. After his marriage in 1836 to Harriet Beemer, James McClellan became engaged in the milling business at Cedarville in association with his father-in-law and was thus engaged until in 1849, when he came with his family over into Indiana and settled on a farm in the northwestern part of Center township, this county. Of the children born to him and his wife nine grew to maturity and reared families of their own. William A. McClellan was the eldest of these children. He was clerking in the store of his uncle, G. Beemer, at Muncie, when the Civil war broke out. He assisted in recruiting a company of volunteers here which was attached as Company D to the 84th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was elected second lieutenant of the company, four months later being promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. In February, 1865, he was promoted to the rank of captain and continued serving with that command until the close of the war, being mustered out with the regiment on June 14, 1865. Captain McClellan resumed his former employment in his

uncle's store, but in 1868 moved to a farm in Hamilton township, where he lived many years afterward. Of the five children born to him and his wife, Ney W. McClellan was the second in order of birth. He became a machinist and millwright and after his marriage established his home in Muncie. Of the children born to him and his wife the subject of this sketch alone grew to maturity. William Albert McClellan was graduated from the Muncie high school in 1912. He then took a course in the Indiana Law School and became engaged in law practice at Dunkirk. He presently was appointed deputy prosecuting attorney for Jay county, but eight months later resigned that position and returned to Muncie, where he since has been engaged in practice save for the four years he served on the bench of the Muncie city court. It was in 1917 that Mr. McClellan was elected city judge, he then being but twenty-four years of age, and he is said to have been the youngest judge of a municipal court in the United States. Upon leaving the bench he resumed his practice and has since been thus engaged, with present offices at 201 the Western Reserve Life building. Mr. McClellan is a Democrat and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is past dictator and a present trustee of the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and a member of the Kiwanis Club. Mr. McClellan married Charlotte C. Knetter, and he and his wife reside at 216 Meeks avenue.

CHARLES S. DAVIS, secretary-treasurer of the Warner Gear Company of Muncie, has been a resident of Muncie since 1905 and during all this period has been actively identified with the industrial interests of the city. Mr. Davis was born at Terre Haute, Ind., in 1877, and is a son of Daniel and Margaret (Hyde) Davis, the former of whom was for years secretary of the Wabash Iron Company of that city. Reared at Terre Haute, Charles S. Davis supplemented the schooling received in the schools of that city by a course in Harvard College and then for a time was engaged in newspaper work in New York City. He then became connected with the activities of the Davis Coal Company, miners and wholesalers of coal, at Terre Haute and was thus engaged until in 1907, when he took the position of secretary and treasurer of the Glascock Manufacturing Company's plant at Muncie, later becoming president of this company. Since 1919 he has also been actively connected with the Warner Gear Company as secretary and treasurer. Mr. Davis is a Freemason and he and his wife are members of the Baptist church. It was in

1904 that Charles S. Davis was united in marriage to Grace Johnson, of Muncie, and to this union three children have been born, Johnson S., Florence Isabelle and Charles S., Jr. The Davises reside at 328 East Washington street. Mrs. Davis was born at Muncie and is a daughter of Abbott L. and Florence (Merriman) Johnson, the latter a daughter of Charles Merriman, of Ashtabula, Ohio. Abbott L. Johnson was born in Herkimer county, New York, but was reared at Ashtabula, Ohio, to which place his parents, Henry I. and Eliza (Ferguson) Johnson, had moved when he was a child. He early became interested in woodworking industries and in 1878 became established in that line in Muncie, thus having been one of the men of affairs of that city when the "boom" came on in the late '80s, his interests then expanding along other lines, he and his brother, John C. Johnson, becoming early recognized as among the leading personal factors in the development of Muncie's commercial and industrial interests during those interesting "boom" days, as is told elsewhere in this work.

JOHN VAN HORNE CASSADY, a veteran of the Civil war and forty years ago one of Muncie's best known merchants, who died at his home in Muncie in 1885 and whose widow is still living there, residing at 411 West Adams street, was a native of the old Buckeye state but had been a resident of Indiana and of Muncie since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Cassady was born in the vicinity of Eaton, in Preble county, Ohio, and was a son of William and Elizabeth (Van Horne) Cassady, who later moved with their family to Muncie, where William Cassady became established in the drug business. John Van Horne Cassady thus was living in Muncie, taking part in the operation of his father's drug store, when the Civil war broke out. He rendered service as a soldier of the Union, going out in 1862 as a member of Capt. Edward G. Keasby's company, and upon the completion of his military service resumed his mercantile pursuits as a druggist. Some time later he became engaged in the queensware business at Muncie and was thus engaged until the time of his death in 1885. Mr. Cassady was the third in order of birth of the six children born to his parents, he having had four sisters, Mary, Ann, Margaret and Laura, and a brother, William Cassady. In 1871, at Muncie, John Van Horne Cassady was united in marriage to Margaret Louise Nelson, who survives him and is still living at Muncie. To that union were born three children, Arthur B., William Van Horne (deceased) and Vida E., the latter of whom married Peyton Randolph Janney and has two children, Mary Louise and Randolph.

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Mrs. Cassady is a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Frazier) Nelson, the latter of whom was born in the vicinity of the city of Cleveland, Ohio, a daughter of James and Sarah (Randall) Frazier, who had moved to Ohio from the eastern shore of Maryland. Robert Nelson was born at Jamestown, N. Y., and became a resident of Muncie in 1860. Mrs. Cassady is a member of the Presbyterian church. As is set out elsewhere in this work, she was one of the organizers of the historic Woman's Club of Muncie and is the president emeritus of that usefully continuing club, which has been a potent factor in the cultural development of this community since the time of its organization in 1876.

WILLIAM S. PUNTENNEY, former chairman of the Delaware County Farm Bureau and a substantial farmer and landowner of Liberty township, residing on the Centennial pike, rural mail route No. 5 out of Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. Mr. Puntenney was born on a farm in Liberty township, September 23, 1871, and is a son of James M. and Mary A. (Gough) Puntenney, the latter of whom was born in that same township, a member of one of the pioneer families there. The late James M. Puntenney was born in Ohio and was four years of age when he came into Indiana with his widowed mother in 1845, the family locating in Fayette county and presently moving from there into Delaware county, settling in the Mt. Tabor neighborhood in Liberty township. James M. Puntenney was the youngest of the six children in this family. He grew to manhood in this county and after his marriage became a farmer on his own account and in time became the owner of a farm of 100 acres, the place now occupied by his son, William, where his last days were spent, his death occurring in 1914. His wife had predeceased him about five years, her death having occurred in 1909. They were the parents of four children, of whom but two survive, the subject of this sketch and his sister, Ruby. There were two other daughters, Pearl, who died in infancy, and Minnie, who died in 1920. Reared on the home farm in Liberty township, William S. Puntenney supplemented the schooling received in the local schools by attendance on the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, and was for ten years engaged as a teacher in the schools of Delaware county, meanwhile carrying on his farming operations during the summers. For some years he farmed in association with his father and then he bought a nearby tract of 170 acres and started in to improve and develop the same, making his home there. In March, 1922, Mr. Puntenney bought the remaining interest in his

father's old home acres and has since been living on the latter place, the owner of 270 acres, to the direction of which he gives his personal attention. Ever since the inception of the farm bureau movement Mr. Puntenney has given his attention to the local development of that movement and for four years served as chairman of the Delaware County Farm Bureau. He still is actively connected with the bureau's operations in this county. He is a Republican and a member of the Selma Methodist Episcopal church, class leader of the congregation and a trustee and steward of the church. Mr. Puntenney's wife, who was Emily B. Watt, daughter of Joseph and Caroline Watt, died on October 5, 1922. Mrs. Puntenney was a life long member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a member of the locally useful and influential Mary-Martha Club of Muncie.

CHARLES W. COLLINS, a substantial farmer and landowner of Liberty township, and one of the leading orchardists and horticulturists of Delaware county, residing on the Inlow Springs road, rural mail route No. 6 out of Muncie, was born in this county and has lived here all his life. Mr. Collins was born on a farm in Niles township on March 16, 1865, and is a son of John and Mary Jane Collins, both of whom died when he was about two years of age. John Collins and wife were the parents of five children, four of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Eliza and Clara, and a brother, Zachariah Collins. Early bereft of his parents, Charles W. Collins was reared in the household of his uncle, William Russey, of Liberty township, and in the schools of that township received his schooling. He grew up familiar with farm labor and as a young man began working on farms "by the month," starting in at a wage of $16 the month, and was thus engaged for about four years or until his marriage, the highest wage he received for this labor being $18 the month. After his marriage Mr. Collins began farming as a renter in Liberty township and was thus engaged for six years, at the end of which time he bought a sixty-acre farm in that township and started in "on his own." Five or six years later he sold that place and bought 140 acres of the place on which he is now living on the Inlow Springs road and has ever since resided there, meanwhile adding to that place an adjoining tract of thirty acres, so that now he has a well improved farm of 170 acres. For the past eight years or more Mr. Collins has devoted thirty acres of this place to orchard and horticultural uses, making a specialty of raspberries and strawberries, and has come to be recognized as one of the largest producers of berries in the county. Mr. Collins is a

Republican and he and his wife are members of the Jackson Street Christian church at Muncie. Charles W. Collins married Anna Fox, a daughter of William and Mary Fox, of this county, and to this union five children have been born, all of whom are living save one, Dellard, who died in infancy, the others being Frank, Bliss, Norval and Mary, all of whom are married save Norval. Frank Collins married Olive Richey and has three children, Ray, Ralph and Imogene. Bliss Collins married Edith Black and has one child, a son, Dwight, and Mary Collins married Guy Waldo and has three children, Eugene, William and Howard.

OTTO L. HUFFMAN, dealer in automobiles at Selma and proprietor of the only public garage at that place, his establishment being the first of the kind set up there, is a native son of Delaware county, and has lived here all his life. Mr. Huffman was born on a farm in Liberty township on May 22, 1892, and is a son of John C. and Isadora (Meeks) Huffman, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Randolph and is still living, making her home at Selma. The late John C. Huffman was born in Augusta county, Virginia, and was eighteen years of age when he came to Indiana with his parents, the family settling in Henry county. For some time after his marriage he made his home in Henry county and then, about 1890, came up into Delaware county and established his home on a farm in Liberty township, coming to be the owner there of a well improved farm of 115 acres. He continued farming until his retirement in 1916 and removal to Selma, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on August 1, 1923. To John C. Huffman and wife were born two sons, the subject of this sketch and Fletcher Huffman, and a daughter, Louise (deceased). Reared on the home farm in Liberty township, Otto L. Huffman completed his schooling in the Muncie high school, from which he was graduated in 1912. He had early become attracted to the possibilities of the then rapidly developing automobile industry and upon leaving school he opened a garage at Selma, the first establishment of its kind set up there. This venture proved successful and Mr. Huffman has ever since been thus engaged, meantime being required on several occasions to move so as to increase his capacity to meet growing conditions, his present garage, the only one in town, being the third such establishment he has had. It was in 1917 that Mr. Huffman moved to his present quarters. He has two buildings, one 50 by 82 feet and the other 50 by 72, and is well equipped to meet any local demand on his resources. He also is a dealer in automobiles and

has the local agency for the sale of the Willys-Knight car and the Overland car. Mr. Huffman is a Republican and is a member of the local Masonic lodge (Parker No. 630). Otto L. Huffman married Mabel Wrightsman, daughter of James Wrightsman of Mooreland, Ind.

CYRUS J. STAFFORD, trustee of Delaware township, a former member of the advisory board of that township and a substantial farmer and landowner, residing on rural mail route No. 2 out of Albany, was born in Delaware township and has lived there all his life. Mr. Stafford was born on July 3, 1869, and is a son of George A. and Sarah (Zehner) Stafford, the latter of whom was born in Wayne county, Indiana, and was a daughter of Benjamin Zehner, who came into Delaware county in 1856 and bought the old Godlove mill along Campbells creek in the Sharon (Desoto) settlement later and long known as Zehner's Mill. George A. Stafford was born on a pioneer farm in Delaware township, this county, in 1835 and was a son of Ralph and Jane (Black) Stafford, the latter of whom was a daughter of Andrew Black, the pioneer miller along the Mississinewa in the northwestern part of Delaware township, who had come in here with his family from Clark county, Ohio. Ralph Stafford was a Virginian, born in Giles county, in 1806, a son of George and Catherine (Fair) Stafford, who had come to this country from Ireland. George A. Stafford became a well-to-do farmer, the owner of a 240-acre farm in Delaware township, where all his life was spent. To him and his wife were born four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth. Reared on the home farm in Delaware township, Cyrus J. Stafford supplemented the schooling received in the local schools by a course in the old Northwestern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso and was graduated from that institution in 1890. Following his marriage two years later he and his wife established their home on the place where they are now living in Delaware township, a part of the James Marquell estate, 120 acres of which is owned by Mrs. Stafford, and have since resided there, Mr. Stafford being engaged in general farming and stock raising. For years Mr. Stafford gave particular attention to the breeding of horses and did much to advance the standards of horse-flesh hereabout. In 1903 he bought a "forty" in the neighborhood of his home, later added to this tract an adjoining tract of 120 acres, making 160 acres in that farm, and later secured a farm of 245 acres west of Albany, his present land holdings thus aggregating 405 acres. Mr. Stafford is a Republican and for four years served as a member of the advisory board for Dela-

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ware township. In 1923 he was elected trustee of Delaware township and is now serving in that responsible public capacity. On December 20, 1892, Cyrus J. Stafford was united in marriage to Cora E. Marquell, also a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, and to this union were born four children, Cloyd C., Ervin E., Ethel A. and Lottie M., all of whom are married and have children of their own, Mr. and Mrs. Stafford having eight grandchildren. Cloyd C. Stafford married Nellie Meeker and has two children, Cloyd, Jr., and George A. Ervin E. Stafford married Bessie Selvey, who died leaving one child, a daughter, Lillie E. Ethel A. Stafford married Wayne Campbell and has three children, Carl E., Carroll E., and Sarah Lou, and Lottie M. Stafford married Fred Whitehair and has two children, Winona C. and Donleon. Mrs. Cora E. Stafford was born on the farm on which she still is living, and is a daughter of James and Louisa (Godlove) Marquell, the latter of whom was born in that same township, a daughter of Abram and Laura (Sellers) Godlove, pioneers of the Sharon settlement. James Marquell also was born in Delaware township, in 1844, and was a son of Mason and Elizabeth (Selvey) Marquell, the latter of whom was a daughter of Samuel Selvey, a Virginian and one of the early settlers of this township. Mason Marquell also was a Virginian and for two or three years had made his home in Greene county, Ohio, whence in 1832 he came over here into Delaware county and settled in Delaware township. Of the four children born to James Marquell and wife, Mrs. Stafford alone survives.

ROBERT S. ARBOGAST, a substantial farmer and landowner of Liberty township, who died at his home in that township in the fall of 1921, left a good memory in the community in which he had so long resided and it is but fitting that some modest tribute to that memory be paid in this definite history of the county of which he was a worthy citizen. Mr. Arbogast was born on a farm in the Parker neighborhood in the neighboring county of Randolph, February 4, 1858, and was a son of Sanford and Isabel (Hayes) Arbogast, natives of Ohio, who came over here into Indiana following their marriage and settled on a tract of land north of Muncie in this county but after awhile moved over into Randolph county and established their home on a farm of 160 acres in the Parker neighborhood, where the remainder of their lives was spent. Of the nine children born to this pioneer couple the subject of this memorial sketch was the fourth in order of birth. Three of these children are still living. Mr. Arbogast was survived by two sisters, Frances and Louise, and two broth-

ers, Henry M. and Albert Arbogast, the last named of whom died on April 2, 1924. Reared on the home farm in Randolph county, Robert S. Arbogast received his schooling in the Parker schools and from the days of his boyhood was interested with his father in the labors of developing the farm. He married at the age of twenty-two and for a year thereafter farmed as a renter on his father's place. He then, in 1881, came over into Delaware county and rented an "eighty" in Liberty township, the place on which his widow is now living; presently bought that place and ever afterward made his home there, increasing his holdings until he became the owner of 110 acres. Mr. Arbogast was a good farmer and improved his place in admirable shape, having two sets of buildings on the farm. In addition to his general farming he gave considerable attention to the raising of live stock and also for several years operated a threshing rig in the neighborhood. He was a Democrat and was a member of the Selma Methodist Episcopal church, of the official board of which he was for years the treasurer. Mr. Arbogast died on October 19, 1921, and his widow continues to make her home on the home place. It was in 1880 that Robert S. Arbogast was united in marriage to Leah Philena Neel and to this union were born three children, Grace, Grover C. and Lona, the latter of whom married the Rev. Earl Pittenger and died on February 11, 1922, leaving four sons, Sanford Earl, John Arbogast, Rex Arthur and Robert Everett Pittenger. Grace Arbogast married Everett Shroyer and Grover C. Arbogast married Flora Orr and has two children, Sylvia and Robert G. Arbogast. Mrs. Leah P. Arbogast was born in Liberty township and is a daughter of Jordan and Malinda (Hedrick) Neel, both of whom were born in Virginia and had come to Indiana with their respective parents in the days of their youth. Jordan Neel was a son of John Neel, a Virginian, who was one of the entrymen in Liberty township and who was the father of eleven children, ten of whom grew to maturity, so that the Neel connection of this line in the present generation is a considerable one. Jordan Neel was but a lad when he came here with his parents from Virginia and he grew up familiar with pioneer farming conditions and after his marriage became a farmer in his own right, the owner of a farm of eighty acres. When the Bellefontaine & Indianapolis railroad was being put through here in the early '50s he worked on the construction of that old "Bee Line" road, now the Big Four. Of the six children born to him and his wife four are now living, Mrs. Arbogast having two sisters, Sarah Ellen and Nancy Jane, and a brother, John Allen Neel, further men-

tion of whom is made elsewhere in this work. There were two other brothers, Philip Jordan and Frederick Priest Neel. Mrs. Arbogast is a member of many years standing of the Selma Methodist Episcopal church, a past president of the Ladies Aid Society and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of that congregation, the present vice president of the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union and superintendent of the county organization of the W. C. T. U., superintendent of the children's department of the Foreign Missionary Society and special secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. She is a Democrat. The Arbogast home is on rural mail route No. 5 out of Muncie.

GEORGE H. ROSS, assessor for Liberty township, a former farmer in that township and for nearly twenty years engaged in grading and highway construction work, builder of many miles of improved highways in this county, is a Virginian by birth but has been a resident of Indiana for nearly forty years. Mr. Ross was born in Marion county in that section of the Old Dominion which during the time of the Civil war split off and became West Virginia, June 13, 1856, and was reared on a farm in that county. He remained on the farm with his father until after his marriage when he became a farmer on his own account, renting a farm, and continued to make his home there until in 1889 when he came to Indiana and became a renter in Henry county. Two years later he came up into Delaware county and was engaged in farming here, on a rental basis, until in 1906, when he became engaged on the job of constructing the road bed of the Union City division of the lines of the Union Traction Company, making his home at Selma, where he ever since has resided. For four years Mr. Ross was engaged in traction line construction, acting as overseer, and then he took up construction work on his own account, a contractor on three-mile gravel roads, and was thus engaged until in 1917, when he sold his equipment and has since been engaged as an overseer of various jobs of construction carried on hereabout under the direction of the State Highway Commission, one of his recent jobs along that line having been the oversight of the grading of the Pike's Peak highway through this section. During the years of his activity as a road contractor Mr. Ross built about thirty miles of highway in Delaware, Randolph and Henry counties, about twenty miles of these roads having been constructed in Delaware county. Mr. Ross is a Republican and is now serving his second term as assessor for Liberty township. He also has rendered public service as a member of the Selma town board. He and his wife are members

of the Methodist Episcopal church at Selma. It was while still living in West Virginia that George H. Ross married Nancy Hayhurst. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have four children, Anna Grace, Elsie, Lucy and Henry, all of whom are married. Anna Grace Ross married Arthur Cowgill and has three children, Leona, Dorcas and Ross Cowgill. Elsie Ross married C. V. Fear and has three children, George, Jack and John Fear. Lucy Ross married E. L. Lively and has two children, Edwin L. and Mary Ann, and Henry Ross married Pearl Flockhart.

HENRY CLAY HAYMOND was for many years prominently identified with the commercial, industrial and civic interests of the city of Muncie. He thus made a deep impression upon various forms of activity here and at the time of his death twelve years and more ago he left a good memory in the community of which he had been a part since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Haymond was born in Fairmount, Va. (now in West Virginia), May 4, 1852, and was a son of Octavius and Elizabeth (Fleming) Haymond, both also natives of Virginia and the former of whom died early in the following year when the child, Henry, was but nine months of age. There were two other sons in this family, William and Thomas Haymond, the former of whom served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil war, and three daughters, Cassie, Ann and Eliza. Reared at Fairmount, Henry C. Haymond received his schooling there and remained with his mother until he was seventeen years of age when, in 1869, he came to Indiana and rejoined his elder brother,William A. Haymond, who meantime had become established on a farm south of Muncie. After a bit of further schooling in the Muncie schools, Henry C. Haymond entered the ranks of the teaching force in Delaware county and for nine years spent his winters teaching, meanwhile continuing to help his brother on the farm. He then for awhile was engaged in mercantile business at Cowan but presently gave up that business and became employed as a traveling salesman for the Chandler & Taylor firm at Indianapolis, continuing thus engaged until he entered upon his long connection with the operations of the Indiana Bridge Company at Muncie, a form of service which continued for eighteen years and during which time he did much to advance the interests of that concern, as is set out elsewhere in this work. In 1905 Mr. Haymond was elected vice-president of the Delaware County National Bank of Muncie and was presently advanced to the post of president of the bank, a position he occupied at the time of his death on January 4, 1912. He also was a member of the directorates of the Muncie Trust and Savings Company and of the Mutual Home and

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Savings Association and in other ways took his part in the commercial life of the community, for some time serving as president of the Commercial Club. In the city's civic affairs he was equally active and influential, served for some time as a member of the city council, was also for some time city controller and for nine years served as a member of the city school board. He was a Freemason, an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias. On November 22, 1877, when twenty-five years of age, Henry C. Haymond was united in marriage to Margaret A. Louthain, who survives him, together with their four sons, Walter, William, Edgar and Fleming Haymond. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Haymond has continued to make her home at Muncie, now residing at No. 4 the Star apartments. She was born in this county and is a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Carmichael) Louthain, who resided south of town and both of whom were members of pioneer families in eastern Indiana, the former born in Wayne county and the latter, in Henry county. George Louthain was a son of Samuel and Mary Louthain and he and his wife had five daughters, those besides Mrs. Haymond being Mary, Eliza, Sarah and Sophronia, and one son, Charles Louthain.

C. R. MAXAM, superintendent of the Selma public schools, has been engaged in educational work for nearly twenty years, he having begun his teaching career when he still was in his "teens." For years this teaching service was rendered in southern Indiana but for the past five or six years he has been connected with the schools of this county, he having been superintendent of the Gaston schools before being transferred to Selma. Mr. Maxam is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in the pleasant village of Francisco, about midway between Princeton and Oakland City, in Gibson county, Indiana, August 10, 1887, and is a son of Thomas M. and Eliza (Hiley) Maxam, the latter of whom was born in the nearby county of Spencer, down on the Ohio, a member of one of the pioneer families of southern Indiana. The late Thomas M. Maxam was born in Gibson county, a member of one of the old families of that county, and all his life was spent there. For years he was one of the "old time" music teachers in that part of the state, making a specialty of conducting singing schools throughout the region in which he lived. By trade he was a harness maker, a vocation he followed at Francisco. For eight years he served as postmaster of that village and for a similar period he also served as trustee of his home township. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, the subject of this sketch, having four sisters, Loretta, Estella, Gertrude

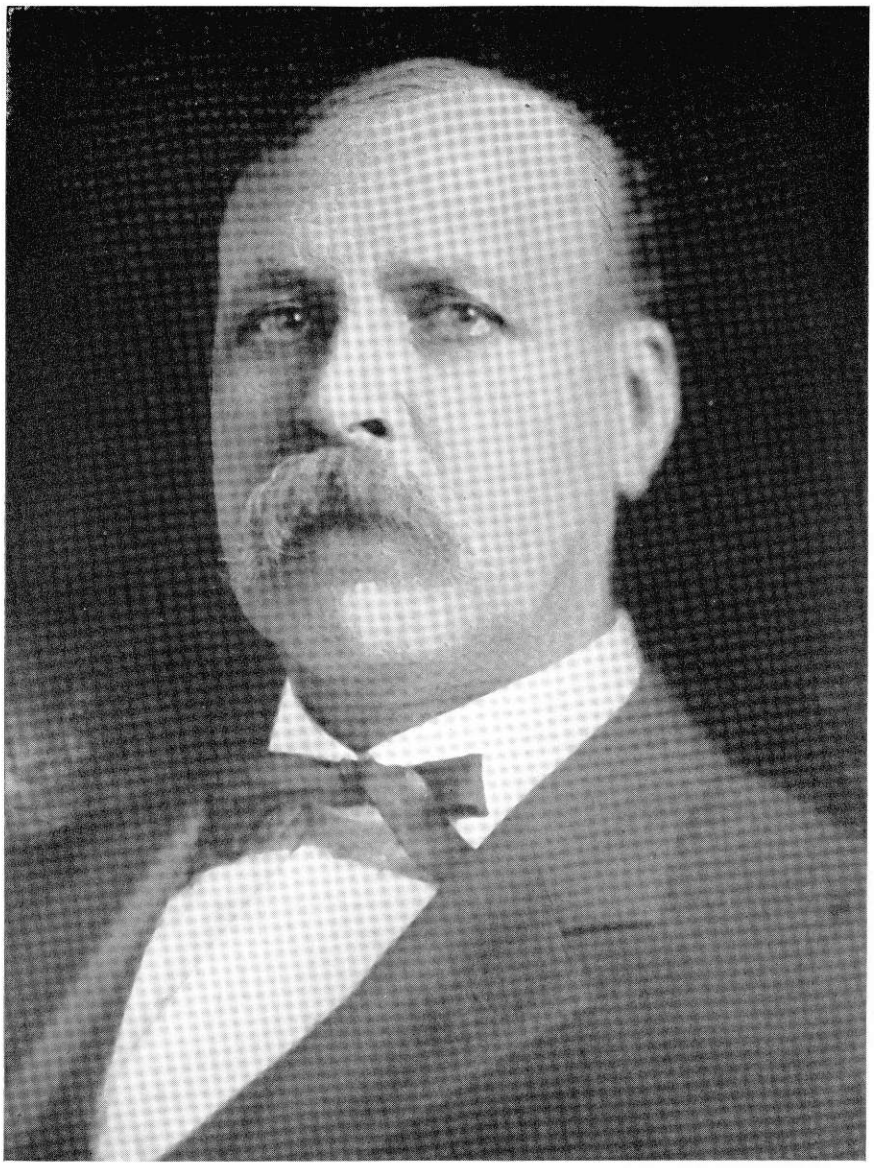
and Frances, and two brothers, A. H. and Stanley E. Maxam. Reared at Francisco, C. R. Maxam finished the high school course there and then, in 1906, began teaching school, a profession he ever since has followed. Some years later he entered the Central Indiana Normal School at Danville and in 1911 was graduated from that institution. He followed this by attendance at the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute and in 1913 was graduated from the normal course in that institution. Continuing his college work, meanwhile spending his winters teaching, Mr. Maxam was graduated from the college course in the state normal in 1917 and two years later entered upon his studies in the University of Wisconsin, seeking his Master degree, and is in line to receive that degree in 1924, for special work in school administration. Mr. Maxam's first work in the school room was carried on in the district schools of his home county (Gibson). Four years later he was made principal of the schools at New Amsterdam, on the river in Harrison county, and two years later was made superintendent of the Marengo schools, in the neighboring county of Crawford. In the next year he was called to the superintendency of the schools of Stewartsville, in Posey county. For five years Mr. Maxam served as superintendent at Stewartsvillle and then he was called to accept the superintendency of the schools of Gaston, in this county, and his labors have since been confined to Delaware county. For three years he served as superintendent at Gaston and then, in 1922, he was made superintendent of the schools at Selma, where he since has been serving in this capacity. Mr. Maxam is a Republican. He is a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason, affiliated with the consistory at Evansville. In 1911 C. R. Maxam was united in marriage to Eva Kendle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kendle, of Princeton, and to this union one child has been born, a son, C. R. Maxam, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Maxam are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Selma and Mr. Maxam is a member of the official board of that congregation.

ELI M. GOUGH, a substantial landowner of Delaware county, now living retired on his well kept farm on the Centennial pike in Liberty township, rural mail route No. 5 out of Muncie, was born on that farm, a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, and has lived there the greater part of his life. Mr. Gough was born on January 18, 1846, and is a son of William L. and Lydia (Morrical) Gough, both of whom were born in Virginia and the latter of whom was but a young girl when she came to Indiana with her parents, Jacob and Nancy (Rutrouff) Morrical, the family locating in Henry county, where she grew to womanhood and was married. William

L. Gough was born in that section of Virginia now comprised in West Virginia and was but a child when his father, Hiram Gough, died. He later came with his widowed mother to Indiana and after a sometime residence in Henry county came up into Delaware county and took over an "eighty" in the woods in Liberty township and proceeded to make a farm out of it. After his marriage he established his home there, gradually increased his holdings until he became the owner of 180 acres, and there spent the remainder of his life, being eighty-two years of age at the time of his death. To him and his wife were born nine chiludren, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Jacob M. and Albert Gough. Reared on the home farm in Liberty township, Eli M. Gough received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and remained on the farm helping in the development of the same. He married at the age of twenty-five and continued on the home place, farming the same in association with his brother Albert, until in 1884 when the brothers bought a tract of 247 acres, including the place on which Eli Gough is still living in Liberty township, and moved to this latter place. When in time a division of this place was made Eli M. Gough received 125 acres as his part and he since has lived there, meantime increasing his holdings to 205 acres, a part of which he later sold, and now has a well improved farm of 165 acres. In 1918 Mr. Gough retired from the active labors of the farm and has since been renting his fields. Eli M. Gough has been twice married. In 1871 he was united in marriage to Mary C. Holbert, who died in 1893 and in 1900 he married Jemima Brooks, who was born in Liberty township, a member of one of the pioneer families here. Mrs. Mary C. Gough was born in Butler county, Ohio, and was but a child when she came to Delaware county with her parents, John and Mary (Fadley) Holbert, in 1850, the family locating at Smithfield. John Holbert, a tailor, was born at Hagerstown, Md., in 1822, and in 1846 became a resident of Butler county, Ohio, the year in which the Mexican war broke out. He went out in service in this war, a member of the 1st regiment of Ohio volunteers, and upon his discharge returned to Butler county, where in the spring of 1848 he married Mary Fadley. Upon locating at Smithfield he became engaged as a tailor and was thus working when the Civil war came on. In the fall of 1862 he went out with Company K of the 19th Indiana and at the battle of Hatchers Run, near Petersburg, Va., lost a leg. In 1866 he was elected trustee of Liberty township and in 1872 was elected treasurer of Delaware county and in 1874 was re-elected to that office. His

last days were spent at his farm home on the Centennial pike, where he died on July 28, 1883. To Eli M. and Mary C. (Holbert) Gough were born nine children, three of whom are still living, the subject two sons, John O., who died in 1899, and Albert V. Gough, of Muncie, who married Louise R. Truitt and has a son, Wesley Richard Gough. Clara M. Gough married Edwin R. Cowley and had two children, Edith and Leo, the latter of whom married Frank O'Neill and has one child, a daughter, Edith Elizabeth. Edith Cowley married Aaron Aubrey and died leaving three children, Virginia Lee, John E. and James Richard. Mary C. Gough married Hubert Kelsey, who died leaving two children, Robert and Earl Gough Kelsey.

THOMAS H. BLEASE, founder of the old established shoe repair shop of T. H. Blease & Sons, 110 East Jackson street, Muncie, who died at his home here in the summer of 1919, first became engaged in business in Muncie in 1876 and thus had a right to be accounted one of the real veterans in the business life of this community. Mr. Blease was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 22, 1853, and was a son of James Blease, a native of Birmingham, England, who came to this country some time after his marriage, entering by way of the port of New Orleans, and not long afterward became a resident of Cincinnati, where he settled down to his trade as a shoemaker. Afterward he moved to Richmond, Ind., where he lived until in 1884, in which year he moved to Muncie, but not long afterward returned to Richmond, where the remainder of his life was spent. Under the direction of his father the late Thomas H. Blease became a skilled shoemaker and in 1876 he opened a shoe shop at Muncie, occupying a room at the corner of Walnut and Washington streets, and was there engaged in business until in 1882, when he sold the place to his father and with his family went West. Two years later he returned to Muncie, but a year later returned West. In 1894 he returned to Muncie and re-establishedd himself in the shoe repair line and continued thus engaged in business here until his death on July 15, 1919, this business since then being continued by his sons, Charles and Tom Blease. His widow survives and continues to make her home in Muncie. Mrs. Blease (Florence A. Blount) was born in Muncie and is a member of one of the real pioneer families of Delaware county, the Blounts having been here since the coming of William Blount, a soldier of the Revolution, who settled on lands he acquired here not long after the opening of the New Purchase to settlement in the early '20s of the past century, as is set out elsewhere in this work. Andrew Blount, a soldier of the War of 1812 and one of the sons of this pio-



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neer, settled at the site of what is now the village of Blountsville and when a settlement sprang up there it was named in his honor. Upon coming over here into the New Purchase in 1822 William Blount entered lands in what is now Liberty township, this county, but later took up lands in Center township, his holdings here comprising about 160 acres in what is now the east side of Muncie, and here he spent the remainder of his days. His widow sold that tract to Thomas Kirby for $700. Another of the sons of this pioneer, William Blount, Jr., took lands in Perry township and there established his home. One of his sons, James Blount, became a shoemaker and established himself in business in Muncie. He married Margaret Elizabeth Crouch and made his home in Muncie for many years, or until after the death of his wife, when he went to Denver, Colo., where his last days were spent. Mrs. Blease is one of the daughters of James and Margaret E. (Crouch) Blount. Besides the two sons, Charles and Tom, mentioned above, Mrs. Blease has a daughter, Bessie, widow of the late Ralph W. Moss, who is now clerk of the city of Gary, Ind. Mrs. Moss has two children, Ralph B. and Florence. The two Blease brothers started out to study medicine with a view to becoming physicians, but when it became necessary on account of their father's invalidism to take charge of the latter's old established business and carry it on they abandoned their earlier plans and have since been engaged in business in Muncie. Charles H. Blease was born in Muncie on March 8, 1880, and was but two years of age when his parents left Muncie in 1882 and went West, and was fourteen when they returned to Muncie and re-established their home here. His early schooling thus was received in the schools of the several towns in which his father had tried his fortune in several states in the West. He early was taught the trade of shoemaking and when his father opened his shop in the Wysor Grand Theater building in 1894 he became engaged there as an assistant. Meanwhile he was carrying on studies preparatory to entering medical college and presently entered Indiana University, with a view to becoming a physician, and was in attendance there for two years. By this time his father's health had begun to fail and it was recognized as expedient for him to leave his studies and in association with his brother Tom take charge of the shop, the business of which thereafter was carried on under the firm name of T. H. Bease & Sons, which established trade name was continued after the death of the founder of the business in the summer of 1919. The brothers maintained the business without interruption after their father's death and are now admirably equipped in their line, having

one of the most up-to-date shops of the kind in eastern Indiana. Charles F. Blease married Pansy L. Guthrie and has two children, Cole and Sarah Jane. Tom Blease married Miriam Wright. Tom Blease was born on March 26, 1893, and received his initial schooling in the Muncie public schools. He was graduated from the high school and then entered Indiana University, preparatory to pursuing his studies in medicine, and was there about two years or until his father's illness necessitated his return home. The Bleases are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

GEORGE WATSON, president of the Farmers State Bank of Oakville, a member of the Delaware county council and a substantial landowner of Monroe township, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. Mr. Watson was born on October 9, 1872, and is a son of James and Matilda (Losh) Watson, the latter of whom was born in that same township, daughter of John and Mary (Thompson) Losh, the latter of whom was a daughter of Robert and Matilda Thompson. John Losh, one of the pioneers of Monroe township, was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, June 18, 1819, and was a son of John and Susanna Losh, both natives of that same county. Following his marriage in 1840 the junior John Losh established his home on a pioneer farm in Monroe township, this county, and became one of the substantial citizens of that part of the county. He died in the summer of 1880 and his widow, who survived him many years, later married Aaron Lackey and continued to make her home in Monroe township. To John and Mary (Thompson) Losh were born seven children, of whom Mrs. Matilda Watson was the first born, and the Losh connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one, even as is that of the Watson family. James Watson was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, January 1, 1834, and was a son of James and Frances (Frantz) Watson, both of whom were born in Virginia, who came to Indiana with their family in 1840 and settled on a pioneer farm of eighty acres near Macedonia in Monroe township, this county. The records for that year show that James Watson was taxed $4.98 on his holdings here. He was a soldier of the War of 1812 and his army service and the hardships of pioneering here in the then wilderness proved a physical strain from which he died in 1841, the year after taking possession of his "eighty" in Monroe township. His widow kept the family together and maintained her home on the place there in Monroe township until her death twelve years later, in 1853. She was the mother of fifteen children, all save one of whom grew to maturity.

The junior James Watson was but seven years of age when his father died, and he was but nineteen when his mother died. He then went West and homesteaded a tract of something more than a quarter of a section of land in the then new state of Iowa. After "proving up" on this homestead, he returned to Delaware county and traded that tract for an "eighty" just north of the present village of Cowan in Monroe township and started in to develop the same. He married in the summer of 1858 and established his home on that farm and remained there until in 1863, when he disposed of that place to advantage and bought a farm of 160 acres. In 1876 he increased his holdings to 320 acres and continued farming until his retirement and removal to Muncie, where his last days were spent, his death occurring in 1913, he then being in his eightieth year. James Watson was a Republican and for two terms rendered public service as trustee of Monroe township. He was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Improved Order of Red Men. James Watson was twice married. It was on August 12, 1858, that he married Matilda Losh, who has been referred to above. To this union were born seven children, five of whom grew to maturity, the subject of this sketch and his sisters, Mrs. Mary Fleming, Mrs. Martha Nottingham and Mrs. Laura Pickinpaugh, and his brother, Homer Watson. The mother of these children died on May 9, 1890, and on June 9, 1892, at Indianapolis, Mr. Watson married Louisa Englis, who was born in Ohio in 1854. George Watson was reared on the home farm in Monroe township and received his schooling in the Cowan schools. He remained on the farm with his father for some years after attaining his majority and then bought a farm of forty acres in that same neighborhood and began farming on his own account, establishing his home there and in time increasing his land-holdings until now he is the owner of a well improved farm of 120 acres, a modern home and all the facilities for carrying on farming operations in up-to-date fashion. Mr. Watson was one of the organizers of the Farmers State Bank of Oakville, which was opened for business on February 14, 1915, and has been the president of that institution since its organization, the other initial officers of the bank having been William V. Jones, vice president and Charles Kern, cashier. Clay Pierce is now vice president of the bank and Gilbert R. Tuttle the cashier, the directors being George Watson, Clay Pierce, John W. Patterson, George Teters, George Metzger, James Retherford, William A. Acker, Charles Kern and Charles M. Holsinger. The capitalization of this bank is $25,000, divided into 250 shares.

Its resources exceed $150,000 and it has a surplus of $3,500. Mr. Watson is a Republican and is now serving as a member of the Delaware county council. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. On May 7, 1891, George Watson was united in marriage to India Snell, daughter of Lora and Naoma Snell, of Tabor, Ind., and he and his wife have one child, a daughter, Gladys, wife of Gilbert Hewitt, of New Castle, Ind. Mrs. Hewitt was graduated from the Cowan high school and followed this by a course in the normal school at Muncie. Mrs. Watson's father, Lora Snell, was born in New Jersey in 1827 and became a resident of Ohio, where he was living when the Civil war broke out. He volunteered his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and rendered service with an Ohio regiment until the close of the war. In 1878, with his wife and daughter, he came to Delaware county and located in Monroe township, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring on October 14, 1902, and hers, February 10, 1910.

JOHN EDGAR JOHNSON, who died at his home on the Granville pike just out of Muncie in 1919, had been identified with local affairs all his life, lumberman and manufacturer, and had thus made an impress upon the community of which he had long been a part that will cause his name long to be held in good remembrance here. Mr. Johnson was born at Ashtabula, Ohio, August 16, 1873, and was a son of Abbott L. and Florence (Merriman) Johnson, the latter of whom also was born at Ashtabula, daughter of Charles Merriman, and who were married there in 1872. The late Abbott L. Johnson, who became a resident of Muncie in 1878, was born in Herkimer county, New York, in 1852, and was a son of Henry I. and Eliza (Ferguson) Johnson, who later moved to Ashtabula, Ohio, and who in 1881 became residents of Muncie, where their last days were spent. As is set out elsewhere in this work, Abbott L. Johnson was for many years one of the active factors in the industrial and commercial life of Muncie, one of the men whose activities during the time of the natural gas "boom" here did so much toward starting the city on the way which brought about its development as one of the chief manufacturing cities in Indiana. He became interested in the lumber manufacturing business as a young man at Ashtabula and after his marriage became a partner in a lumber concern at Bluffton, Ind., coming thence to Muncie, where he spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of three children, the subject of this memorial sketch having had a sister, Florence Grace, and a brother, Ray P. Johnson. As will be noted by a comparison of above dates, John

JOHN EDGAR JOHNSON

Edgar Johnson was but a child when his parents moved to Muncie in the late '70s and he was reared here, receiving his schooling in the public schools. He early became associated with his father's interests in the lumber industry and later became connected with the operations of the Warner Gear Company, of which his father was the president and of which he was made secretary and treasurer. In 1915 he established his home on the Granville pike, not far out of Muncie, and in addition to his other interests devoted much time to the breeding of purebred dairy cattle. There he died on March 30, 1919, at the age of forty-six years, in the very prime of his life. Mr. Johnson was a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason, a Knights Templar and a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was an active member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, and had been for years the superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church at Muncie. He was a member of the Columbia Club of Indianapolis and besides the business connections above referred to was a director of the Live Poultry Transit Company of Chicago, a director of the Muncie Savings and Loan Company and a half owner of the Morrison & Johnson insurance agency. Mr. Johnson was twice married. By his first wife, Winnifred Smith, he had two children, a son, Abbott L. Johnson II, and a daughter, Katherine, wife of George Stetter, of Muncie. In 1905 John Edgar Johnson was united in marriage to Margery Clark and to this union were born three children, a son, John Edgar Johnson, now a student at Staunton Military Academy, and two daughters, Susanne and Martha Louise. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Johnson has continued to maintain her home at her well established place on the Granville pike, where she takes much interest in the development of the fine herd of Guernsey dairy cattle which she owns, this herd now numbering nearly fifty purebred animals, recognized as one of the finest herds of the sort in the Midwest country. Mrs. Johnson was born at Knox, Pa., and is a daughter of G. A. and Susanna (Pyle) Clark, the latter of whom was a daughter of John and Sarah (Small) Pyle. G. A. Clark, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, where his father was a large land-owner. G. A. Clark's service in the Union army during the Civil war was rendered in the cavalry branch and he was wounded in battle. His brother, Alfred Clark, also was a soldier and was for some time a prisoner in the horrible rebel prison pen at Andersonville, Ga. Mrs. Johnson's only brother, Frank M. Clark, is a veteran of the Spanish-American war. She has two sisters, Emma and Mary Priscilla. Frank M. Clark, now mayor

of Chanute, Kansas, and president of the Rotary club of that city, is a Freemason of distinguished attainment and is a member of the Supreme Council or Honorary 33d degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

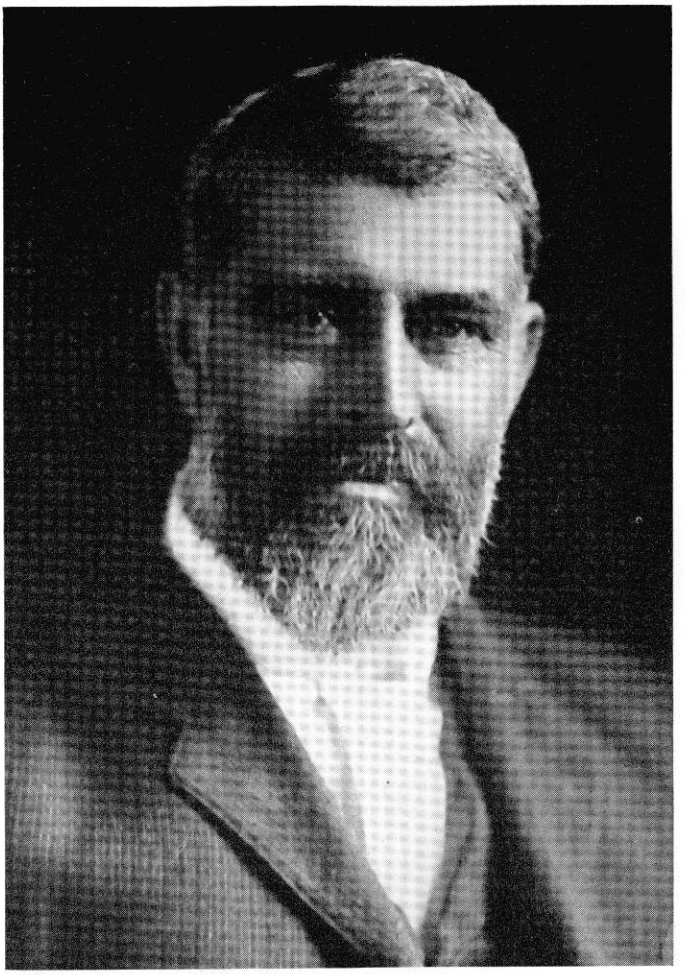
JOHN B. CECIL, a veteran farmer and landowner of Perry township, former trustee of that township and a former justice of the peace, residing on the Burlington pike, rural mail route No. 6 out of Muncie, was born on the farm on which he is now living, June 16, 1851, and is a son of Zachariah W. and Mary J. (Legg) Cecil, the latter of whom was born in Wayne county, Indiana, a daughter of Walter and Barbara (Burgess) Legg. The late Zachariah W. Cecil, in his generation one of the substantial farmers of Perry township, was born in Shelby county, Ohio, October 25, 1820, and was a son of Aaron and Anna (Springer) Cecil, the latter of whom was born in Kentucky. Aaron Cecil, who became one of the pioneers of Delaware county, was a Virginian by birth. In October, 1831, he entered from the government a tract of land in Perry township, this county, and here established his home, coming in time to be the owner of more than 350 acres of land in that township. He and his wife had eight children and as all these married and reared families of their own the Cecil connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one. Zachariah W. Cecil was the third in order of birth of the children born to this parentage. He was about twelve years of age when the family came over here from Ohio and he grew to manhood on the pioneer farm in Perry township. He married at the age of twenty-four (in 1844) and then established his home on an "eighty," a part of the farm on which his son John now is living, in Perry township, and as his affairs prospered added to his holdings there until he became the owner of more than 300 acres. On that place he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1905. His wife died in 1902. They were the parents of four children, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Sarah, who married Thomas J. Jordan, and Barbara, who married the Rev. J. W. McDaniel, and a brother, Charles W. Cecil, now living near Richmond, Va. Reared on the home farm in Perry township, John B. Cecil completed his schooling in the old academy at Muncie and from the days of his boyhood has been devoted to farming. After his marriage he became engaged in farming on his own account on one of his father's farms and upon his father's retirement he took over the home place and has since resided there, now the owner of a well improved farm of 190 acres. Mr. Cecil is a Republican and has rendered public service as

trustee of his home township (1888-90) and as a justice of the peace in and for that township. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Burlington, of which Mr. Cecil is one of the stewards and a member of the board of trustees. Mrs. Cecil has for years been a teacher in the Sunday school, of which she for years was superintendent, and she also has served as president of the local Epworth League and as treasurer of the woman's foreign missionary society of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil have two daughters, Lillie and Grace, the latter of whom married Orville Ross and has two sons, William and Howard. Lillie Cecil married Clifford Smith and has three children, Everett, Grace and Ernest. Mrs. Cecil (America Jordan) was born in Wayne county, Indiana, and is a daughter of John and Catherine (Davidson) Jordan, the latter of whom was born in Kentucky. John Jordan also was born in Wayne county and was a son of William Jordan, a Pennsylvanian and a soldier of the War of 1812, who was one of the pioneers of that county, having settled there in 1808, eight years before Indiana was admitted to statehood. The pioneer William Jordan was the father of eleven children and the continuing connection of this family in Indiana in the present generation is a considerable one. To John Jordan and wife were born eight children, but three of whom are now living, Mrs. Cecil having a sister, Carrie Luella, and a brother, John Jordan.

WILBUR E. SUTTON, for a number of years associated with the publications of George B. Lockwood as managing editor of *The Muncie Press* and as a contributor to *The National Republican*, the political and historical magazine in Washington, D. C., has been closely identified with the newspaper life of Muncie from the time he was a boy. He began as a carrier of the old *Muncie Herald* then owned by Frank D. Haimbaugh and Thomas McKillip, and while in his early "teens" was a reporter for *The Herald, The Morning News* and *The Evening Times.* All these newspapers since have been lost to the reading public through the consolidations that have evolved *The Muncie Press* and *The Muncie Star.* At eighteen Mr. Sutton was city editor of *The Muncie Times* under the widely-known old-school editor, Major John F. Wildman, and Capt. James McClung, and was editor of *The Times* when it was consolidated with *The Herald* to form *The Press.* He then became the first editor of *The Press,* at that time owned by George F. McCulloch, the newspaper and traction magnate, and Mr. Haimbaugh. Later Mr. Sutton was city editor of *The Star* for a short time and then for a period of four years devoted himself to writing for out-of-town publications and to publicity work. In

1917 he entered the employ of Mr. Lockwood, who had bought *The Muncie Press*, and soon afterward became managing editor and editorial writer for that paper which position he now holds. Mr. Sutton conducts a weekly column of paragraphs in *The National Republican* which is widely quoted by newspapers, magazines and the motion picture screen throughout the United States. He has contributed many political and business articles, humorous stories and verse to newspapers and magazines some of which have had nation-wide circulation. His favorite sport is fishing and planning some way to make it his regular occupation. He never has held a public office and never has been a candidate for one, a fact of which he is given to boasting. He was elected president of the Muncie Kiwanis Club for the year 1924 and also is a member of the Elks order and of numerous civic organizations. He is married and has a son, Donn, who at eighteen years of age is an editor and writer for The Newspaper Enterprise Association at Cleveland, Ohio, the largest newspaper syndicate in the United States. The latter also is a contributor of short stories to magazines.

LEWIS MOORE, a veteran of the Civil war and in his generation one of Delaware county's best known farmers and a substantial landowner of Hamilton township, died in 1916 and his widow is now making her home in Muncie, residing at 223 North Calvert avenue. Lewis Moore was a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and all his life was spent in this county. He was born on the old Moore farm in Hamilton township in August, 1844, and was a son of Aaron and Mary A. (Truitt) Moore, the latter of whom was born in Adams county, Ohio, April 16, 1822, daughter of George and Frances (Waldren) Truitt and a sister of Joshua Truitt, who was one of Muncie's best known citizens in his generation. Aaron Moore was born in Scioto county, Ohio, August 22, 1819, and was a son of Lewis and Patience (Truitt) Moore, who in 1829 came with their family to Delaware county and settled on the Smithfield pike in Center township, this being two years after the formal organization of Delaware county and the establishment of the county seat at Muncietown. Lewis Moore, the pioneer, had ten children and thus the Moore connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one. The Truitts also have been numerously represented here since pioneer days. Aaron Moore established his home on a farm of 120 acres in Hamilton township after his marriage and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in the summer of 1873. His widow survived him for many years. Of the six children



LEWIS MOORE

born to this parentage there is now but one survivor, Mrs. Florence Minton, of Muncie. Lewis Moore, eldest of these children and subject of this memorial sketch, was but a boy when the Civil war broke out, but before that struggle was over he got into the service of the army and went out with the 134th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which was organized in the spring of 1864 and which participated in the campaign in Tennessee and northern Alabama. Two of the companies in this regiment were chiefly recruited from Delaware county. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Moore resumed his farm work and began to prepare for college. He was in his third year in Wabash college when his father died in 1873 and he suspended his college work to come home to take charge of the farm. In the following year he married and established his home there and on that place continued actively engaged in farming until his retirement, and he died in 1916. It was in 1874 that Lewis Moore was united in marriage to Ophelia Cones, daughter of Robert and Jane (Kemper) Cones, of this county, the latter of whom was a daughter of Arthur S. and Patience (Bryant) Kemper and a sister of Dr. G. W. H. Kemper, of Muncie. Arthur S. Kemper was a Kentuckian, born in 1794, and in 1834 became a resident of Rush county, Indiana, where he died in 1849. His wife also was a Kentuckian, born in 1802, a daughter of John Bryant, a Virginian and a soldier of the Revolution. She died in Muncie in 1881. Robert Cones also was born in Kentucky, in the vicinity of Louisville, a son of John and Rachel Cones, who later became residents of Indiana, the family settling in Rush county. Robert Cones established his home in Decatur county following his marriage and it was there that Mrs. Moore was born. She has a sister, Mrs. Margaret Woodfill, and a brother, Smith Cones. Mrs. Moore is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was her husband.

OCTAVUS C. DRAGOO, proprietor of "Hill Grove" farm in Perry township, was born in that township on October 16, 1860, and is a son of Lemuel and Amanda (Polsley) Dragoo, both members of pioneer families in this section of Indiana. Lemuel Dragoo was born in that section of Virginia now comprised within West Virginia and was about five years of age when he came to Delaware county with his parents, Peter and Martha Dragoo, the family settling on a tract of land in section 19 of Perry township, which Peter Dragoo had entered from the government in 1830. On that pioneer farm there in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood Lemuel Dragoo grew to manhood and after his marriage became a farmer on his own account. He

first bought an "eighty" there in that same neighborhood and this he developed and added to until he had a farm of 120 acres, and there he spent his last days. To him and his wife were born six children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Orloff, Daniel W., George, Martha and Mary. Reared on the home farm in Perry township, Octavus C. Dragoo received his schooling in the Mt. Pleasant school and continued farming with his father until he married and then he rented a tract from his father and began farming on his own account. About eight years later he moved over into Randolph county and was there engaged in farming on a rented farm for three years, at the end of which time he returned to this county and bought the place of eighty acres on which he is now living in Perry township and has since resided here, on rural mail route No. 6 out of Muncie. When he bought this place Mr. Dragoo found but twenty acres of it cleared, so he had quite a task ahead of him in clearing and making a farm out of the place. While carrying on his clearing operations he rented 138 acres of his father-in-law's place, the Driscoll farm, and was there engaged in farming until he had his own place ready for the plow. With wise foresight Mr. Dragoo left a beautiful natural grove standing on his place and when it came to the naming of the farm the name "Hill Grove" farm was quite appropriate. The place is well improved in accordance with modern standards. Mr. Dragoo is a Freemason, a member of the Masonic lodge at New Burlington, and he and his wife are Republicans. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Burlington and he is a member of the board of trustees of that congregation. Mrs. Dragoo has for years been a teacher in the Sunday school, was formerly superintendent of the Sunday school and class leader and for twelve years was the president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. It was in 1886 that Octavus C. Dragoo was united in marriage to Eliza Adeline Driscoll and to this union were born three children, a son, Ernest Edgar Dragoo, who died on April 11, 1917, and two daughters, Edith Marie and Edna May, the latter of whom married Hershell Brown and has one child, a son, Robert J. Mrs. Dragoo was born in Center township and is a daughter of John L. and Maria (Gibson) Driscoll, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families here. John L. Driscoll was born in Clark county, Ohio, in 1833, and was eight years of age when his father, William Driscoll, also a native Ohioan, born in Greene county, came to Delaware county with his family in 1841 and settled on a farm south of

the then village of Muncietown, that farm occupying the site now covered by the plant of the Ball Bros. Glass Manufacturing Company and other industrial enterprises in that section of the city of Muncie. William Driscoll, the pioneer, and his wife were the parents of eleven children and the family thus has a wide continuing connection in the present generation. John L. Driscoll grew up on this pioneer farm. He married at the age of twenty-four and then began farming on his own account. For some time he lived in Center township and then moved to a farm in section 12 of Monroe township, where he established his home, becoming there the owner of a good farm of 138 acres. Mrs. Dragoo is the second in order of birth of the six children born to her parents, she having had three sisters, Frances E., Mary B. and Ida Belle, and two brothers, Dr. W. E. Driscoll and John B. Driscoll.

FRANCIS H. WILLIAMS, a veteran of the World war with an overseas record and a progressive young farmer of Liberty township, residing on the Centennial pike, rural mail route No. 5 out of Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the county's pioneer families, and has lived here all his life. Mr. Williams was born on the farm on which he is now living and of which, jointly with his mother, he is the proprietor, January 12, 1894, and is a son of Samuel S. and Mary C. (Hitchcock) Williams, both of whom were born in that same township and the latter of whom is now living in Riverside (Muncie). The late Samuel S. Williams was a son of John R. and Evelyn Williams, the former of whom for years was a blacksmith at Smithfield and also the owner of a 240-acre farm in Liberty township. Samuel S. Williams grew to manhood in that township and after his marriage became a farmer on his own account, a vocation he followed the remainder of his life. Starting with a tract of sixty acres, a part of the farm on the Centennial pike now operated by his son Francis, he developed a good piece of property there and added to his holdings until he became the owner of 240 acres, which is now held jointly by his widow and his son. There he died on February 27, 1918, leaving a widow and one son, Francis H. There was another son, Arthur, who died some years ago. Reared on the home farm in Liberty township, Francis H. Williams completed his common schooling by two years of attendance on the Selma high school, took two short course periods of instruction in the agricultural college of Purdue University, supplemented this by a course in the Indiana Business College at Muncie and was preparing to take an active part in the modern development of the home farm when this

country took a hand in the World war in the spring of 1917. In the fall of that year he entered army service and went out with the 18th Company of the 3d Air Service Mechanics, with which command he served for twelve months overseas, stationed at Romorantine, France, where he was promoted to the rank of sergeant of the first class. Mr. Williams received his discharge from the army on June 20, 1919, the war then being over. In the meantime his father had died and upon his return home he buckled down to the task of taking over the management of the home farm and has since been thus engaged, farming the 240 acres, and is doing well. On January 1, 1920, Francis H. Williams was united in marriage to Evangeline Williams, daughter of O. P. and Lucy (Hines) Williams, of this county, and to this union two children have been born, a daughter, Virginia Ann, and a son, Francis Harold Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are Republicans. Mr. Williams is a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with the temple at Indianapolis. He attained to the Scottish Rite at Charlotte, North Carolina.

MARTIN L. MEEKS, head of the firm of M. L. Meeks & Sons, funeral directors at Muncie, and an undertaker of more than fifty years of standing in this city, present director of a business which has been in continual operation here for nearly eighty years, is a native son of Muncie and has lived here all his life. Mr. Meeks was born on October 1, 1853, and is a son of Robert and Sarah (Jones) Meeks, both Virginians by birth, the latter born on March 11, 1827, a daughter of Jacob and Beersheba Jones. The late Robert Meeks, a pioneer undertaker at Muncie and founder of the business which is now being carried on by his son and grandsons, was born on a farm in the vicinity of Grafton in Monongalia county, Virginia, now included within the confines of West Virginia, July 8, 1822, and was a son of Amos and Nancy (Means) Meeks, who in 1839 came with their nine children to Indiana, driving through with a two-team wagon, the trip requiring sixteen days of travel. They settled in the Farmland neighborhood in Randolph county, where six more children were born to them, making this a family of fifteen children, in consequence of which the Meeks connection of this line, in this generation is a no inconsiderable one. Robert Meeks, the eldest of these children, was seventeen years of age when he came to Indiana with his parents and not long afterward he came over to Muncietown and secured employment in the cabinet-making shop of Nottingham & Swain, the pioneer cabinet makers and undertakers of that village. There he became

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thoroughly familiar with the rudiments of the business and in 1844 he and his brother, Isaac Meeks, who also meanwhile had been learning cabinet making, set up for themselves, under the firm name of R. & I. Meeks, and opened out a furniture and undertaking business, their shop, sales room and residence occupying the corner now occupied by the Star theater, which site was occupied by them as a furniture store and undertaking establishment until in due time they erected the building now occupied by their successors at 115-117 East Main street and where they also carried on the manufacture of furniture until a fire in an adjoining building in 1880 crippled their plant and they discontinued the old cabinet-making line, thereafter devoting themselves simply to the sale of furniture and to the undertaking line. In 1871 James W. Meeks, a son of Robert Meeks, was taken into the old firm of R. & I. Meeks, which then became R. & I. Meeks & Company. In 1881 William A. Meeks and his brother, Martin L. Meeks, bought their uncle's interest in the concern and the firm name was changed to R. Meeks & Sons. Robert Meeks continued actively connected with the business until his death on February 24, 1906, he then being in his eighty-third year. His widow survived him for more than three years, her death occurring on July 24, 1909. She was a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Robert Meeks was a birthright member of the Friends church and was an ardent Prohibitionist. For forty-seven years he had been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. To him and his wife were born four sons, James W., mentioned above, now deceased; William A., deceased; Martin L. and J. Arthur Meeks. Reared at Muncie, Martin L. Meeks received his schooling in the city schools and from the days of his boyhood has been connected with the concern of which now he is the head. He began to learn the cabinet-maker's trade almost as soon as he was able to stand at a bench or a lathe, literally "growing up" in the shop, where he also early learned the details of the undertaker's important calling. He married at the age of twenty-three and thereafter continued his connection with the establishment of his father and uncle and in 1881, as above set out, bought into the concern. After the death of his brothers he and his sons acquired full interest in the establishment and on August 19, 1911, the furniture line was discontinued. The business is carried on by Mr. Meeks and his sons, Arthur C. and Ernest S. Meeks, under the firm style of M. L. Meeks & Sons. The younger members of the firm also are licensed funeral directors and the establishment is admirably equipped. Martin L. Meeks is a York Rite (Knights Templar) Mason

and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. It was in 1876 that Martin L. Meeks was united in marriage to Carrie G. Clark, who was born in Clarksburg, Ind., daughter of Robert and Fannie (Kemper) Clark, and to this union were born five children, all of whom are living save one, a daughter, Fannie, who died in 1886 at the age of eight years, the others being Arthur C. and Ernest S., who are associated with their father in business, and Mary Wade Meeks and Charles E. Meeks. The mother of these children died on February 14, 1915. Mrs. Meeks had for years taken a helpful part in local social activities, influential in church and club work, and was serving as president of the historic Woman's Club at the time of her death. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as is Mr. Meeks. Her father, Robert Clark, a Kentuckian by birth, years ago became a resident of this county. Mr. Meeks' eldest son, Arthur C. Meeks, married Elizabeth Munsey, daughter of Dr. David Munsey, and has two children, David Martin and Frances Gertrude.

PARKER MARSHALL, senior partner of the firm of Marshall & Marshall, general merchants, at Mt. Pleasant and formerly and for many years a teacher in the public schools of this county, was born in the village of Blountsville in the neighboring county of Henry, July 4, 1863, and is a son of Thomas and Marian (Walradth) Marshall, the latter of whom was born at Cherry Valley in Chenango county, New York, but was reared in Ohio as a farmer's daughter. The late Thomas Marshall, a former member of the board of county commissioners for Delaware county and in his generation a substantial farmer of Perry township, was born in Wayne county, Indiana, August 27, 1835, and was a son of Miles and Elizabeth (Bell) Marshall, the latter of whom was born in Ohio, a daughter of James and Margaret (Blair) Bell. Miles Marshall was born in Wayne county, Indiana, in 1811, of Quaker parentage, and there grew to manhood and in 1834 was married, his wife's parents, the Bells, having some little time before then become residents of Wayne county. In 1836 he and his wife and their infant son, Thomas, moved to Delaware county and established their home on an eighty-acre tract of woodland in Perry township. Miles Marshall thus became numbered among the pioneer farmers of Delaware county. He was successful in his operations and became the owner of 320 acres in that township. He died in 1885, in his seventy-fifth year, and his widow survived him for more than ten years. They were the parents of ten children,

eight of whom grew to maturity, so that the continuing connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one. Thomas Marshall, the eldest of these children, grew to manhood in Perry township and with the exception of a few years following his marriage spent at Blountsville spent the remainder of his life here. He supplemented the schooling received in the local schools by a course in old Asbury College (now Depauw University) at Greencastle, Ind., where he specialized in the study of law, and then for more than twenty years (1855-79) was engaged in teaching school in the public schools of this county, meantime farming during the summers and also for some time engaged in the practice of law. He had a good farm of 120 acres in Perry township and there made his home. In 1884, as the nominee of the Democratic party, Mr. Marshall was elected to represent his district on the board of county commissioners, the first Democrat ever elected to that position in this county, and in that office rendered public service for one term. To him and his wife were born eight children, seven sons and one daughter, the latter of whom, Florence, is now deceased as well as one of the sons, Otis, the others, besides the subject of this sketch, being Mark M., Ward, Carl, Earl and Wade Marshall. Parker Marshall received his schooling in the local schools and as a young man began teaching school, a vocation he followed during the winters for nineteen years, seventeen years of which were spent in the schools of Perry township. Meantime, during the summers, he was engaged in farm work and thus continued until in 1897, when he became engaged in the mercantile business at New Burlington. For about nineteen years Mr. Marshall carried on his mercantile operations at New Burlington and then he sold his store and bought a farm and was engaged in practical farming there until in 1922 when he traded the farm for the store at Mt. Pleasant and has since been engaged again in mercantile pursuits, being associated there in business with his nephew, Gordon Marshall, and doing business under the firm style of Marshall & Marshall. Mr. Marshall is a past worshipful master of the Masonic lodge at New Burlington and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at that place, a steward of the church, secretary of the congregation and also secretary-treasurer of the Centenary fund of the church. His wife died on December 25, 1910. She was born in Perry township (Leona May Clevenger) and was a daughter of Jacob and Samantha (Ray) Clevenger, the latter of whom was a daughter of William and Sarah (McClain) Ray, natives of Ohio. Jacob Clevenger was born in Delaware county in 1832, and was a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Con-

ner) Clevenger, who were among the pioneers of Perry township. He became one of the substantial farmers of Perry township. Mr. Marshall has three daughters, Bessie, Blanche and Marie, the latter of whom married Ray Gibson and has two children, Marshall and Dale. Blanche Marshall married Ralph Hiatt and has two children, Thelma and Martha.

THE HEMINGRAY GLASS COMPANY of Muncie has, since its location in this city, developed until it now is recognized as the largest manufacturer of glass insulators in the world. For thirty-five years the Hemingray plant on Macedonia avenue has been regarded as one of the most stable industrial institutions in Muncie. Coming in here at the very beginning of the extraordinary development period following the opening of the natural gas field hereabout in the late '80s, the Hemingray plant has ever since been a large employer of labor and thus has been one of the prime promotors of the growth and general development of the city in which it sought location back in 1888, while the worldwide distribution of its products has done much to extend the name and fame of "Magic Muncie," or as the newer and more meaningful catch-word has it, "Greater Muncie." It thus has been a real factor in helping to put the truth into the Chamber of Commerce's slogan: "Muncie Offers More," and in creating the widely accepted impression, emphasized by that chamber, that Muncie is indeed a "high tension town." This industry had unexpected difficulties to contend with in the early years of its operation here, difficulties that to some might have appeared wholly disheartening, but it bravely "carried on," meeting these difficulties as courageous men meet all difficulties, until it presently was in a position to endure and to expand, and this expansion program has been continued until the industry long has been recognized as the leader in the field it dominates. The Hemingray Glass Company has been a continuing industrial force for seventy-five years. It had its inception in Cincinnati in the year 1848, when Gray & Hemingray started a small glass factory there. This firm carried on at Cincinnati until about 1861, when the plant was moved across the river to Covington, Ky., where the industry was maintained until the removal of the plant to Muncie in 1888, the proprietors being attracted to the latter place by the possibilities presented to the glass industry by the opening of an apparently illimitable source of cheap fuel in the natural gas field here. At this time the plant at Covington was being operated by the firm of Hemingray Bros., incorporated. Robert Hemingray, founder of the industry, and his brother, Samuel Hemingray, had succeeded to the

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firm of Gray & Hemingray in 1865, following the close of the Civil war, and the business was carried on under the firm name of R. Hemingray & Bro., until in 1870 the concern was incorporated, Samuel Hemingray retiring at that time and J. L Foley and Richard Evans taking an interest in the business. Robert Hemingray was elected president of this new corporation and he was retained in that position until his death in 1897. Evans was elected secretary-treasurer and he also retained that position until his death. In the meantime and prior to the time of the removal of the plant to Muncie in 1888, Ralph G., Robert C. and Daniel C. Hemingray, sons of Robert Hemingray, had become active factors in the affairs of the corporation and were in practical charge of operations when the company established its base of operations at Muncie. For two years after starting the Muncie plant in 1888 the plant at Covington was continued in operation and then was abandoned, the Muncie plant by this time being able to take care of the trade. With the abandonment of the Covington plant in 1890, J. L. Foley retired from the business. Richard Evans retained his interest, which has continued to be held in his family since his death in 1897. In the summer of 1892, just as the glass factory at Muncie had become definitely established and was on a promising going basis the plant was destroyed by fire, causing an interruption to the business which might have been permanently discouraging had not stout hearts been behind the enterprise. It was about this time that Robert Hemingray, founder of the company, pressed by the weight of growing years, retired from active participation in the company's affairs, though still retaining his title of president, and his elder son, Ralph G. Hemingray, assumed executive charge. The plant was rebuilt better than before and was going strong when the adverse effects of the Wilson tariff bill in 1894 began to be felt not only by this company but by the glass industry generally throughout the country. The memorable "hard times" period which struck in about that time also had an effect on the operations of the company. In the summer of 1893 Muncie suffered an epidemic of smallpox which resulted in a general quarantine against the city and the practical shut-down of all industries in the town. Banking troubles in the town were being ironed out at the same time and there was a long period of idleness and depression which was trying to all local industries. The Hemingray plant weathered all these storms, however, and when business presently "picked up" was in a strong position to meet the market which opened out so expansively following this temporary period of business depression and its pro-

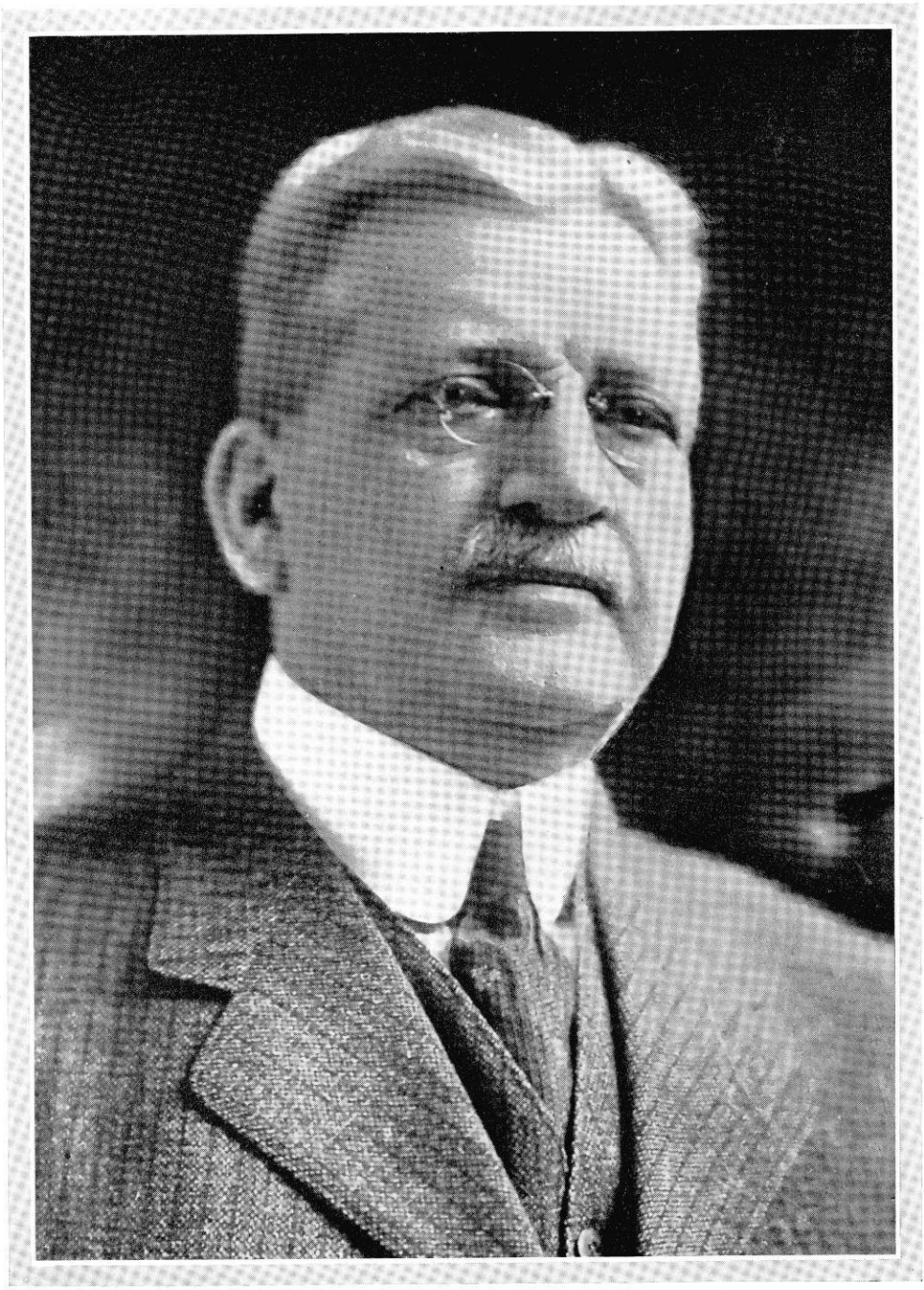
gress since then has been practically uninterrupted. Though the company had begun the manufacture of glass insulators as early as 1858 and had been doing a small business in that line, its chief products when it became established in Muncie were lamps, lamp globes, table ware and hollow glassware generally, but with the extraordinary market which began to open out for glass insulators with the new expansion of the telephone and telegraph industry about 1900 it began to give its chief attention to the manufacture of glass insulators and these in time became its sole product, the plant long having been given over to the manufacture of insulators, and by the adoption of improved methods of manufacture has come to be recognized as the leading plant of the kind in the world, its products not only practically covering the field in the United States and Canada but entering extensively into the export trade, so that these products help to carry the name of Muncie into all parts of the civilized world. Ralph G. Hemingray, who succeeded his father in executive charge of the affairs of the Hemingray Glass Company upon the latter's retirement from active participation in 1892, was elected president of the company upon his father's death in 1897, and so continued until his death in 1920, when he was succeeded by Philip W. McAbee, the present president of the company. Robert C. Hemingray continued as active superintendent of the plant until his death in 1902, and Daniel C. Hemingray, who succeeded Richard Evans as secretary-treasurer of the company in 1897, and also had charge of the distributing end of the company's affairs, retained that position until his death in 1911. The plant employs at maximum production about five hundred persons and its products are known wherever electric wire construction is known. The present officers of the company are Philip W. McAbee, president; A. Clifford Shinkle, of Cincinnati, vice president; W. P. Zimmerman, secretary; Charles S. Berger, treasurer, and C. H. Smith, assistant treasurer.

ROBERT L. BRANDT, who died at his home in Eaton in February, 1923, had for years been engaged in the mercantile business in that city. He had lived to a ripe old age and at his passing left a good memory. Mr. Brandt was a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and had lived in this county practically all his life, the exception being a period during the days of his young manhood when he was engaged in mine prospecting in the West. He was born on a pioneer farm three miles west of the present city of Eaton in 1846 and was a son of David and Jane (Long) Brandt, the latter of whom was born in Clinton county,

Ohio, daughter of Robert and Jane (Woodruff) Long, natives of Kentucky. David Brandt was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1815, and was a son of David and Martha (Hamilton) Brandt, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania and who were the parents of thirteen children, of whom David was the eighth in order of birth. The senior David Brandt was a school teacher, farmer and harness maker. When seventy-eight years of age he came to Indiana and his last days were spent in Dekalb county, his death occurring there in 1849. The junior David Brandt grew up to the shoemaker's trade and followed that vocation in Fairfield county, Ohio, until in 1840, when he came to Indiana and located in Cass county. Two years later he came to Delaware county and established himself in business at "Henpeck" in Union township as a shoemaker and merchant. In the fall of that same year (1842) he married Jane Long and established his home at Henpeck, where he carried on his business for nearly ten years or until in 1851, when he moved to the point along the river now included in the Eaton town site and there set up a store, this trading point thus becoming the nucleus for a settlement which in 1854 was platted as a town site and given the name of Eaton. As the town developed David Brandt's business also developed and he was long one of the leading merchants of the town. He also became a considerable landowner, at one time having as much as 400 acres of land in the Eaton neighborhood. David Brandt, who died in December, 1904, was twice married and was the father of ten children. His eldest son, John Brandt, was a soldier of the Union during the Civil war and died in a military hospital at Chattanooga in 1864. Robert L. Brandt, the second son of the first marriage of this pioneer, was born on November 16, 1846, and thus had been a witness to the development of the town of Eaton from the very beginning. He remained at home, helpful in his father's enterprises, until he had attained his majority, when he took a prospecting trip throughout the West, leaving here in 1868 for Helena, Mont. He prospected around in the mining camps of Montana and Nevada for a couple of years and then, in 1870, returned to Eaton and resumed his connection with his father's store. In 1876 he secured a proprietary interest in the old Brandt store and carried on the business under the name of Brandt, Carter & Co., until in 1902, when it became Brandt & Armstrong. In addition to his mercantile interests at Eaton, Mr. Brandt also was one of the leading factors in the development of that town's interests following the opening of the natural gas field here in the late '80s and for years, during the height of its prosperity, was treasurer of the Eaton Gas

and Mining Company. In his later years he had lived pretty much retired from the active duties of life and was seventy-seven years of age at the time of his death. He was a Republican and had served several terms as a member of the Eaton town board. Robert L. Brandt was twice married. In 1882 he married Emma Van Buskirk, who died in 1888, and on July 6, 1904, he married Mrs. Calista (Fitzpatrick) Simonton, widow of John Simonton, who survives him and is still making her home at Eaton. Mrs. Brandt was born in this county and is a daughter of James and Sallie (Thomas) Fitzpatrick, the latter of whom was a daughter of John Thomas, one of the pioneers of Delaware county, who had come here from Bowling Green, Ohio. James Fitzpatrick was a native of North Carolina, who became a resident of Delaware county many years ago.

JOEL MADISON MARING, a veteran of the Civil war, who died at his home in Muncie in 1922, was in his generation one of the active and influential factors in the commercial and industrial life of this community, head of the old glass manufacturing concern of Maring, Hart & Company, head of the Muncie Trust Company, head of the Durham Manufacturing Company and in other ways interested in the manufacturing interests of the town in which he made his home at the time of the beginning of the industrial development which followed the opening of the natural gas field here thirty years and more ago. Mr. Maring was a native of the old Buckeye state, born in the village of Antioch in Monroe county, Ohio, and was a son of Peter and Edith (Davis) Maring, both of whom also were born in that state and the former of whom was a carpenter. Peter Maring and wife were Quakers and their children were reared in the faith of the Society of Friends. For same time after leaving school Joel M. Maring was engaged in teaching school. He served as a soldier of the Union during the time of the Civil war, a member of Company E of the 62nd regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and later became engaged in the drug business and in the glass supply trade, this latter phase of his business in time developing into a window glass manufacturing plant at Bellaire, Ohio. Upon the definite opening of the natural gas field at Muncie in the early '90s Mr. Maring, who was carrying on his business under the name of Maring, Hart & Company, established a plant for the manufacture of window glass at Muncie and thus became one of the early factors in the development of the town's industrial interests during the gas "boom" days. During the period of greatest activity of the natural gas industries here, this firm also had glass factories in the neighboring towns of Gas City and Dunkirk.



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Mr. Maring extended his interests here to include banking and became president of the Muncie Trust Company. He also was the president of the Durham Manufacturing Company of Muncie and president of the Hoosier Cabinet Company of Newcastle and continued active in business until his death on January 29, 1922. Joel M. Maring married Grace Keiser, daughter of George and Clara (Blossom) Keiser, the latter of whom was a daughter of Mathias and Mary (Craft) Blossom, of Miamisburg, Ohio. George Keiser was the founder of a wholesale plumbing establishment at Muncie and further reference is made to him elsewhere in this work.

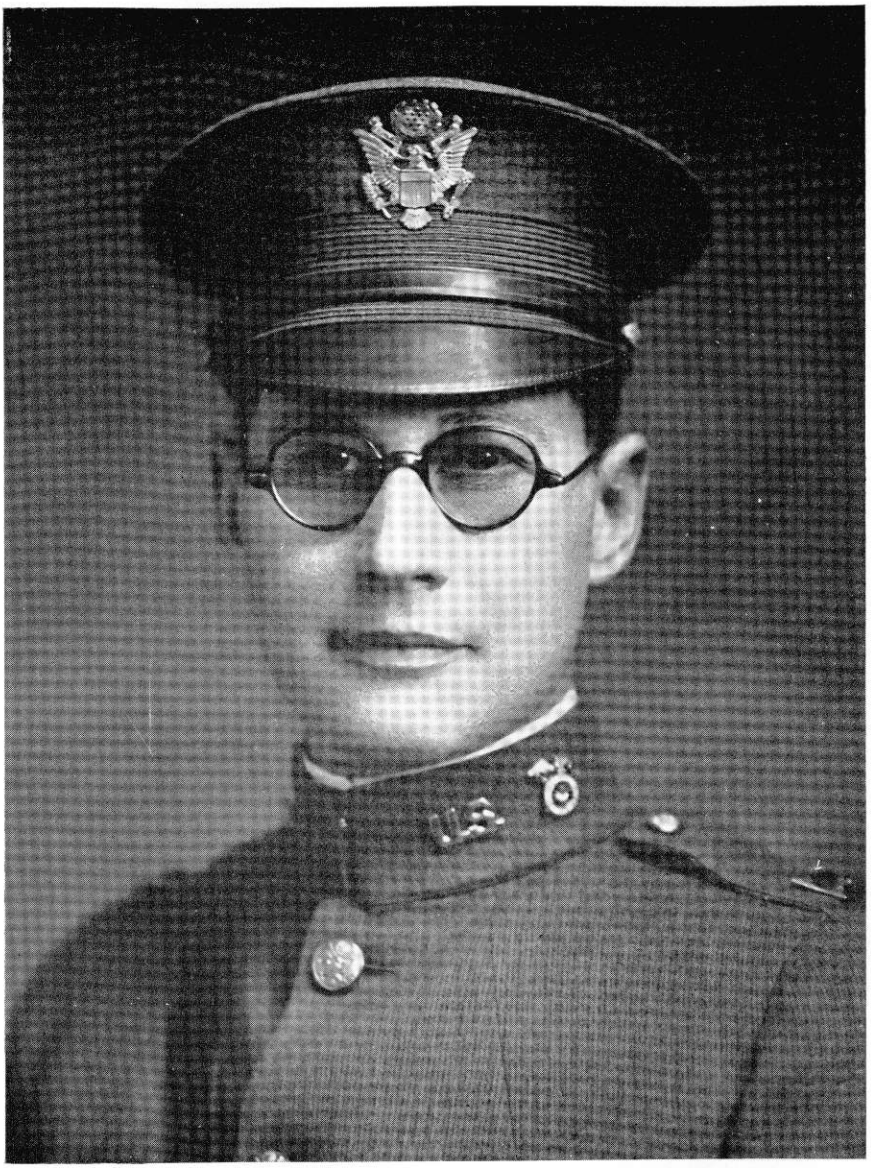
ELAM L. BAREFOOT, head of the Barefoot Produce Company of Cowan, this county, has been a resident of Delaware county for twenty-five years and is widely known in the produce business. Mr. Barefoot was born in Wayne county, Indiana, June 20, 1865, and is a son of Samuel R. and Barbara (Armstrong) Barefoot, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. Samuel R. Barefoot became a resident of Wayne county in 1855, presently locating at Jacksonburg in that county, where he remained until in 1866 when he moved to Cambridge City and in this latter place became engaged in the hotel business. In 1876 he took up the general produce business at Cambridge City and thus established a business which has been going on under the Barefoot name now for nearly fifty years. Samuel R. Barefoot continued actively engaged in that business at Cambridge City until his death in 1890. To him and his wife were born six children, a daughter, Mollie, and five sons, the subject of this sketch, the fourth in order of birth of these children, and his brothers, Walter, John, William and Earl Barefoot. Elam L. Barefoot was ten years of age when his parents moved from Jacksonburg to Cambridge City and he was reared in the latter city, receiving his schooling in the schools there. He early became interested in the produce business established there by his father and after his father's death became associated with his brothers in carrying on the business, these brothers carrying on under the firm name of the W. B. Barefoot Company. That was in 1890 and this name was maintained for many years, or until in 1917, when Elam L. Barefoot and his sons incorporated under the name of Barefoot & Company, this being changed in 1920 to the present firm name of the Barefoot Produce Company. It was in 1899 that Elam L. Barefoot established the Cowan branch of the business, operating here in connection with the Cambridge City plant. In the meantime the two elder brothers, Walter and John Barefoot, had died. In 1910 Earl Barefoot retired from the business and in 1917 William

retired, since which time the extensive business has been carried on by Elam L. Barefoot and his sons, who are engaged in a general butter, egg and poultry business, buying throughout this section of Indiana and shipping to the New York and Boston markets. Mr. Barefoot is a Republican of "independent" leanings. He is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Elam L. Barefoot married Mary Felton, daughter of Elijah and Elvina (Clemmons) Felton, and has three sons, Harry, Carl and James Barefoot, who are associated with him in the operations of the Barefoot Produce Company. Harry Barefoot married Nan Grooms and has two sons, Max and Phil. Carl Barefoot married Avis Carmichael and has two sons, Robert and Keith.

ARCH A. HAMILTON, former trustee of Perry township and a substantial farmer and landowner of that township, residing on the Medford road, rural mail route No. 6 out of Muncie, is a member of one of the real pioneer families of Delaware county and has lived in this county all his life. Mr. Hamilton was born on a farm in Center township on July 19, 1871, and is a son of Stephen and Rachel (Moore) Hamilton, the latter of whom was born in Butler county, Ohio, in 1837, a daughter of Mark Moore who became one of the pioneers of Delaware county. Stephen Hamilton was born in Monongalia county, Virginia (now West Virginia), in 1825, and was but four years of age when his father, Stephen Hamilton, moved with his family to Indiana in 1830 and settled in this county, locating on a tract he had entered from the government in Center township, thus becoming one of the real pioneers of that section of the county. The junior Stephen Hamilton grew to manhood on that pioneer farm and was living there when the California gold "rush" came on in 1849. As is narrated elsewhere in this work, he joined a party of Delaware county adventurers in quest of gold and went to California, starting in October, 1849, and was gone for something more than two years, at the end of which time he came back and resumed farming operations here. After his marriage in 1855 he established his home on a quarter section of land he had bought in Center township, developed a good farm there and on that place spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on February 8, 1901. His widow survived him more than four years, her death occurring on October 31, 1905. Of the ten children born to them five are still living, the subject of this

sketch having a sister, Grace, and three brothers, Charles E., Frank E. and Henry Hamilton. There were two other daughters, Lillie and Anna E., and three who died in infancy. Arch A. Hamilton was reared on the home farm in Center township and upon completing his schooling was for two years engaged in teaching school, meantime continuing farming in association with his father and was thus engaged until his marriage at the age of twenty-five, when he established his home on a "forty" he had bought in that township. In 1906 Mr. Hamilton sold this farm and moved to Perry township, where he since has lived, since 1909 residing on the sixty acre farm he bought in that year on the Medford road, where he is now living. Mr. Hamilton is a Republican and in 1911 was appointed assessor of Perry township, in which capacity he served for four years. In 1914 he was elected trustee of his home township and by re-election served for two terms in that responsible office. He is a past worshipful master of the lodge of Freemasons at New Burlington and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at that place. It was in 1895 that Arch A. Hamilton was united in marriage to Laura Margaret Bullock, also of this county, and to this union seven children have been born, all of whom are living save one, a son, Charles L., who died in his first year in 1907, the others being Gladys E., Lois R., Mark B., Harry D., Arch E. and Mary Althea, the two latter of whom are still attending local school. Gladys E. Hamilton married W. A. Richards and has one child, a daughter, Laura Ellen. Lois R. Hamilton, a teacher in the public schools of this county, married Evison Davis, of Muncie. Mark B. Hamilton married Lucile Lindsay and has two sons, Mark Lindsay and Charles Owen Hamilton. Harry D. Hamilton was graduated from the Perry township high school and is now a student at Indiana University. Mrs. Laura M. Hamilton was born in Center township and is a daughter of John W. and Elizabeth Amanda (Leverton) Bullock, both of whom were born in Maryland, the latter a daughter of Arthur and Margaret (Turpin) Leverton. The late John W. Bullock, a son of Thomas Boone and Elizabeth (Emerson) Bullock, came to Indiana in the '60s of the past century and after a sometime residence in Fayette county came to Delaware county and established his home on a farm in Center township, where he spent the remainder of his life. Of the ten children born to him and his wife eight are still living, Mrs. Hamilton having three sisters, Ruth Hannah, Nebraska, and Mary Althea, and four brothers, Charles E., Arthur L., Oliver M. and Frank B. Bullock. The two deceased children of this family were Walter T. and Lena W.

CLARENCE G. WOOD, vice president and secretary of the Hoosier Clutch Company, manufacturers of clutches for the automotive and machinery industries at Muncie, and a veteran of the World war, was born at Bluff City, Kansas, July 2, 1887, and is the son and only child of Jesse Porter and Elizabeth May (Pullen) Wood. The latter was born at Lebanon, Ind., daughter of William B. Pullen, whose last days were spent at Indianapolis, where he died about seven years ago. William B. Pullen, an honored veteran of the Civil war, was an Ohioan by birth, born at Mt. Carmel, Ohio, and when the Civil war came on enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and went to the front as a sergeant of a New York cavalry company. In one of the engagements in which that command participated he was captured by the enemy and before his exchange was secured had been compelled to spend three months in the detestable Libby prison at Richmond, Va., and nine months in the abominable rebel prison pen at Andersonville, Ga. After the war he went to Kansas and the Indian Territory, and after a number of years came to Indiana and made his home at Indianapolis, where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in the mercantile business. Jesse Porter Wood was born in Odessa, Mo., in 1861, and as a young man became employed on cattle ranges as a cowboy in Texas and what was then known as the Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, and later in Kansas, in which state he was married. For some years after his marriage he made his home in Kansas and then went to Washington state where he became engaged in lumbering. In 1897, after suffering severe financial reverses because of the financial panic of that year, he obtained employment with the Northern Pacific railroad and in due course became a locomotive engineer. After a number of years residence in Olympia and later at Ellensburg, Wash., the family moved to Indianapolis, Ind., and he obtained employment with the Chicago & Southeastern railroad, and has for the past twenty years made Muncie the family home. Clarence G. Wood was fourteen years of age when his parents moved to Indianapolis and his schooling was completed in the schools of that city, at Lebanon, Ind., and at Muncie, that later being supplemented by a course in the International Correspondence School, in mechanical engineering and machine-tool designing and mathematics, and a business course with the Alexander Hamilton Institute of New York. After a four-year apprenticeship in a railway machine shop Mr. Wood became employed as a machinist in the plant of the Interstate Automobile Company at Muncie and later transferred his services to the plant of the Warner Gear Company, where for more than six years



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he was employed as a foreman in various departments and then was made superintendent of one of the plants, and was thus employed until in 1915, when he entered upon his present connection with the Hoosier Clutch Company, which was formed in that year to take over the affairs of the old B. T. K. Gear and Engine Company, which was organized about twenty years ago by Hugh Warner, inventor and patentee of the first practical automobile differential, and further reference to which concern is made elsewhere in this work in connection with the biography of Fred J. Lesh, president and general manager of the Hoosier Clutch Company, of which Mr. Wood is vice president and secretary, and which concern now gives its special attention to the manufacture of friction clutches for the automotive and machinery industries designed and patented by Mr. Wood, with a well equipped and modern plant in South Elliott street. When this country entered the World war in the spring of 1917 Mr. Wood tendered his services to the Government along with other members of the Society of Automotive Engineers as an automotive engineer, and in June of that year was assigned to service in this technical capacity at Washington, D. C., and in the following September was assigned to duty in that section of the Quartermaster's department having to do with the army's motor transportation. On January 4, 1918, he was commissioned a first lieutenant, Q. M. C., of the Army Motors Division, and assigned to inspection and production service in plants manufacturing Class B trucks and their component parts, presently being given charge of the Muncie district, and was thus serving when in July, 1918, he received orders for overseas duty. He sailed on the steamship "Olympic" for Southampton, England, and a few weeks later, at Paris, was transferred from the Quartermaster Corps to the Motor Transport Corps of the army and was assigned to duty as assistant to the chief purchasing officer of the Motor Transport Corps of the American Expeditionary Forces, in charge of the purchase of supplies for the corps in the A. E. F., and thus rendered service with Paris, France, as his headquarters, until on March 29, 1919, when he was relieved from his present duty and ordered to LeMans, France, as chief inspector of the LeMans Area Embarkation Center and the Motor Transport Corps, Overhaul Park 762. On the following June 9 he was sent to St. Agenau to take command of a casualty company of 128 men, which he brought back to the United States, sailing on June 28 on the Italian steamship "Re De Italia" from Marseilles by way of Gibraltar, arriving at New York on July 9. At Camp Merritt he was relieved from his company and ordered to Washington, where

on July 14 he received his honorable discharge from the military service and two days later, July 16, 1919, he returned to Muncie, resumed his position with the Hoosier Clutch Company and has since given his attention to the affairs of that concern. Mr. Wood holds a captain's commission in the Officers Reserve Corps of the army, is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, of the American Legion, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and of the Military Order of Foreign Wars; is a Knights Templar (York Rite) Mason and a Knight of Pythias, and is affiliated with the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the Dynamo Club, while he and his wife are members of the Church of Christ (Scientist). It was on July 15, 1908, that Clarence G. Wood was united in marriage to Esther Katherine Busch and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born on August 9, 1909.

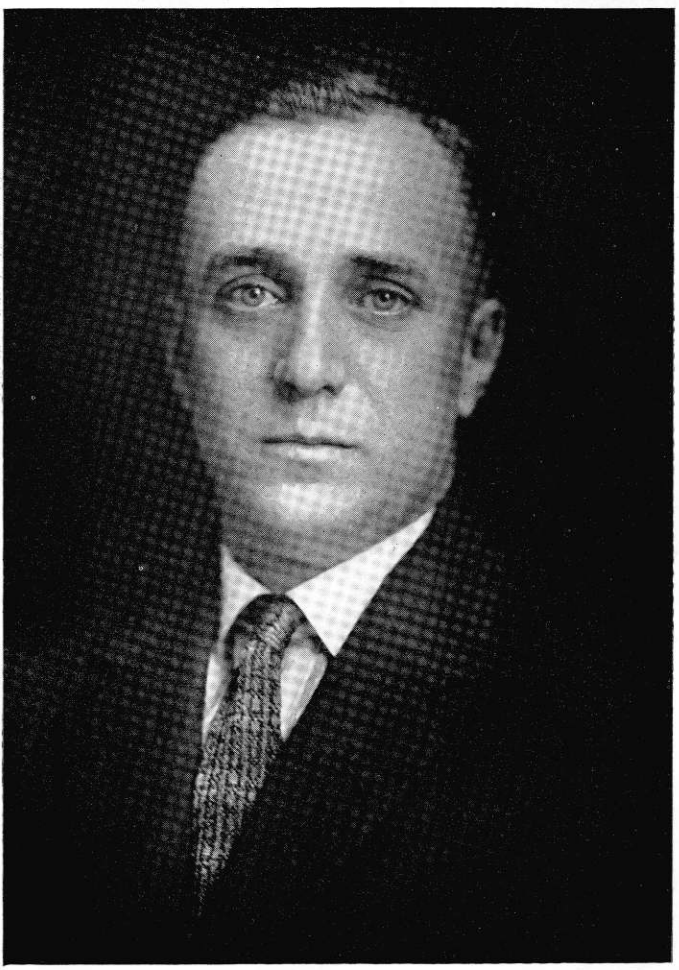
SYLVANUS O. HAWK, a landowner and farmer of Mt. Pleasant township, now living retired at Muncie, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Indiana ever since the days of his infancy, a period of eighty years, more than seventy of which have been spent in Delaware county, so that he very properly may be regarded as one of the real "old settlers" of this county. Mr. Hawk was born in the village of New Paris, in Preble county, Ohio, December 25, 1842, and is a son of Samuel and Artemesia (Day) Hawk, the latter of whom also was born in Ohio. Samuel Hawk was a Virginian by birth, who followed his trade as a cabinet maker in Ohio, at one time working in Cincinnati, until in the middle '40s when he came to Indiana and settled in Wayne county, where he remained until about 1852 when he came with his family to Delaware county and bought a farm of 100 acres in Mt. Pleasant township, southeast of Yorktown. He was a good farmer and increased his holdings until he became the owner of about 400 acres, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch now alone survives, he having had two sisters, Mary and Amy, and two brothers, George and William Hawk. Sylvanus O. Hawk was but an infant when his parents came to Indiana and he was about ten years old when they left Wayne county and came to Delaware county. He completed his schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood in Mt. Pleasant township and continued as a help to his father on the home farm until after his marriage when he rented a part of the home farm and established his home there. Some fifteen or twenty years later his father made a division of his lands, his share in the apportionment being

about 150 acres. On this place Mr. Hawk made many improvements, including a substantial modern dwelling house, and continued actively engaged in farming until his retirement about 1910. In December, 1923, he moved to Muncie and is now living with his son Ray at 650 North Elm street. Sylvanus O. Hawk married Louise Reed, who was born in this county, daughter of William and Ruth Reed, and who died in 1907. To that union were born eight children, three of whom, Oliver, Daisy and Ray, are living, the deceased members of this family having been William, Belle and Laura and two who died in infancy. Oliver Hawk married Clara Jester and has five children, Essie, Lola, Cleo, Grace and Evelyn. Grace Hawk married Otto Oxley and has three children, Deloris, Loring and Robert. Daisy Hawk married Otto Curtis and has one child, a daughter, Crystal, and Ray Hawk married Mae Black.

REV. WILLIAM H. PEIRCE, a veteran of the Civil war and a retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, living at Selma, which has been his established home for many years, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1842, and was nine years of age when he came to Indiana with his parents, the family locating in Wayne county, where he completed his schooling and grew to manhood. He was living at Winchester, Ind., when the Civil war broke out and he presently got into the service of the Union army, going to the front as a member of Company H of the 84th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which gallant command he served for nearly three years, or until mustered out on June 14, 1865, the war then being over. The 84th Indiana was a part of the Army of the Cumberland and thus participated in some pretty active service, including the battle of Chickamauga and the Atlanta campaign. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Peirce returned to Indiana and entered upon his studies in preparation for the gospel ministry. His elder brother, the Rev. John F. Peirce, at that time was pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Selma and he completed his studies under his brother's preceptorship and in due time was ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. For three years Mr. Peirce made his home at Jonesboro, in Grant county, and he had subsequent stations at Dunkirk, Eaton, Selma and Fountain City, after awhile establishing his home on a farm near Selma. In 1911 he retired from the farm and moved to Selma, where he since has resided. He developed a good farm of 120 acres in Liberty township, which he still owns. Mr. Peirce's first ministerial labor was in the Methodist Episcopal church at Albany. The church at Selma

was organized about the year 1850, the congregation erecting the first meeting house in 1856, and during the long years of his residence at Selma, though now on the retired list of the ministry, he has done much to advance the interests of that congregation. Mr. Peirce is a Republican and is a member of Williams post, No. 78, Grand Army of the Republic, at Muncie. He also is a member of Fall Creek lodge (No. 97) of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Middletown. In 1867 the Rev. William H. Peirce married Emily J. Cecil and to this union four children were born, Cornelia Anna (deceased), Walter G., Rosa (deceased) and Grace, the latter of whom married Horace L. Burr and has one child, a son, Horace Peirce Burr. Walter G. Peirce married Lola Barton and has a son, Rex B. Peirce. Mrs. Emily J. Peirce is a member of the pioneer Cecil family which has been represented in this county since the early '30s of the past century. She was born in Liberty township and is a daughter of John S. and Rachel Cecil.

ARTHUR M. SHAFER, superintendent of the great plant of the Muncie Products division of the General Motors Corporation at Muncie, is a member of one of the real pioneer families of Delaware county, his grandfather, Riley Shafer, having had the distinction of having been the first white child born within the confines of what is now Hamilton township, this county, a son of Adam Shafer, who had settled there in 1829, the Shafers of this family thus having been represented here for nearly 100 years. Mr. Shafer was born at Royerton, in Hamilton township, November 9, 1887, and is a son of John Dunk and Ella (Thomas) Shafer, the latter of whom also was born in this county, at Granville, a daughter of Hardin and Amanda (Mott) Thomas. She died in 1915. John Dunk Shafer, a son of Riley Shafer, above referred to, grew up in Hamilton township and early became interested in the mechanical trades. After his marriage in 1880 he continued to make him home at Royerton until in 1888, when he moved to Muncie, where he ever since has made his home, now residing at 315 North Vine street, his present employment being with the Retherford Lamp Company. To him and his wife were born two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Eva May. Arthur M. Shafer was but six months old when his parents moved to Muncie in 1888. He finished his schooling in the high school there and early became proficient in the mechanical trades, an expert tool maker. When about nineteen years of age he went to Toledo, Ohio, to take supervisory charge of the tool designing and tool making departments of the Warner Manufacturing Company there, and remained



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there for some years or until called home by the death of his mother in 1915. A few months later, January 1, 1916, Mr. Shafer made a connection with the Chevrolet Motor Company as efficiency engineer in that company's plant at Flint, Mich., and moved to Flint, where he remained until in January, 1920, when he was called back to Muncie to supervise the installation of the plant of the Muncie Products division of the General Motors Corporation. Upon the completion of this task he was made superintendent of the plant and has since been serving the corporation in that capacity. Mr. Shafer is a Republican. He is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the Young Men's Christian Association and he and his wife are members of the Jackson Street Christian (Disciples) church. On June 17, 1906, Arthur M. Shafer was united in marriage to Nora Frances Hamer, who was born at Springhill, Champaign county, Ohio, daughter of Joseph and Florence (Doty) Hamer, who were the parents of five children, Mrs. Shafer having three sisters, Mabel, Alta and Ruth, and a brother, Thurman Hamer. Mr. and Mrs. Shafer have three children, Doris Elaine, Hamer Dwight and Betty Joyce. They reside at 1423 Ebright street.

CHARLES MABERY KIMBROUGH, president of the Indiana Bridge Company, vice president of the Delaware County National Bank, past commander of Williams post, No. 78, Grand Army of the Republic, former county clerk, former state senator from this district, a former member of the city council and for many years one of the most active personal factors in the civil and industrial life of Muncie and Delaware county, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Indiana for more than fifty years and of Muncie since 1876, having thus been on the ground and well established in business here when a wider outlet for the expression of his energy was provided by the opening of the gas field here in the late '80s. Mr. Kimbrough was born in the village of Clarksville, in Clinton county, Ohio, November 5, 1847, and is a son of Ira and Clara H. (Howland) Kimbrough, both of whom also were born in that county, members of real pioneer families in that part of Ohio, and whose last days were spent there. Ira Kimbrough was a blacksmith and wagon maker. Reared at Clarksville, Charles M. Kimbrough received his schooling in the village schools and was living there when the Civil war broke out. In 1864 his father moved to Sligo and there, March 14, 1865, though but seventeen years of age, he enlisted his services as a soldier of the Union and went to the front as a private in Company I of the 18th regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which gallant command he served until mustered out on October 28,

1865, the war then being over. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Kimbrough returned to Clinton county, finished his interrupted schooling and became engaged in farming and blacksmithing at Clarksville. He married when twenty-three years of age and two or three years later became engaged in the mercantile business in association with a brother-in-law at Connersville, Ind. That was in 1873. Three years later, in 1876, attracted to what he regarded as a wider field, Mr. Kimbrough came to Muncie and opened here the first exclusive book and stationery store established in the city. He bought the house which then stood on the corner now occupied by the public library and there made his home until he was able to erect a more commodious dwelling house. In 1886 a branch of the plant of the Indianapolis Bridge Company of Indianapolis had been established at Muncie and was incorporated as the Indiana Bridge Company, the original incorporators having been George F. McCulloch, J. E. Haffner, Theodore F. Rose and William H. Wood, with Rose as president and McCulloch as secretary and with Sol Godman and Wood in charge of technical operations. When the gas "boom" came on this concern was doing a good business here, iron bridges by that time having come into demand throughout eastern Indiana to supplant the old wooden bridges. In July, 1887, Mr. Kimbrough was called into the concern as general manager and was elected vice president of the company, John R. Marsh at the same time becoming chief engineer, in succession to William H. Wood, former engineer. The majority stock in this corporation presently came into the hands of George F. McCulloch and in May, 1888, a reorganization was effected and Mr. Kimbrough became president of the company, McCulloch vice president and John R. Marsh secretary-treasurer. Ever since then Mr. Kimbrough has been president of this company and Mr. Marsh secretary. In January, 1892, all the capital stock of the company was acquired by these three and two years later, in 1894, Mr. Kimbrough took over the controlling interest from McCulloch and in January, 1902, he and Mr. Marsh acquired all the capital stock of the company, which since then, a period of more than twenty years, has been maintained as a close corporation, Mr. Kimbrough's sons during this time also giving their active attention to the company's affairs, James Lloyd Kimbrough, treasurer of the company and a stockholder since 1904, having been general manager of the concern since his father's retirement from active participation in 1913, though the latter still retains his office as president. Frank H. Kimbrough, who became a stockholder in 1903, is vice president of the company and John R. Marsh is secre-

tary, these and Hal C. Kimbrough, who became a stockholder in 1905, forming the directorate. The plant of the Indiana Bridge Company employs about 175 men and has created a wide market for its structural steel products throughout the United States and Canada. During the time of America's participation in the World war its resources were practically wholly devoted to war work, its operations being carried on under extra pressure during that time. A current example of its work in structural steel is seen in the great steel frame work of the new Masonic temple now (1924) being erected in Muncie. Mr. Kimbrough is vice president of the Delaware County National Bank and has been a member of the directorate of that institution since 1894. He is a Knight Templar Mason and is a past worshipful master of Muncie lodge, No. 433, F. and A. M. For years he has taken an interested part in the affairs of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and was commander of the same when the Department of Indiana, G. A. R., held its forty-fifth annual encampment at Muncie in May, 1923, thus having had a conspicuous part in the ceremonies attendant on the entertainment of that patriotic order. Mr. Kimbrough has for years been one of the leaders of the Republican party in this county and has rendered considerable public service. His first local office was that of city councilman (1882-83), this being followed by a term as a member of the local school board. In 1890 he was elected county clerk and served one term in that office. In 1896 he was a delegate to the national Republican convention which nominated William McKinley and Garret A. Hobart for President and Vice President of the Republic. In 1902 Governor Durbin appointed him a member of the board of control of the Indiana state prison and in 1904 he was elected to represent this district in the state Senate, thus serving during the memorable sessions of the Indiana General Assembly in 1905 and 1907. While serving as a member of the prison board he was appointed by the Governor to represent Indiana in the prison congress at Albany, N. Y., and thus was able to be of service in inaugurating some much needed prison reforms in this country. He also by appointment was Indiana's representative at the notable convention called at DesMoines in 1896 for the purpose of initiating a movement in behalf of the popular election of United States senators and was appointed one of the five commissioners named to bring about a working program in that behalf, a movement which in good time became effective. It was in 1870, in Clinton county, Ohio, that Charles M. Kimbrough was united in marriage to Margaret A. Curry, daughter of James and Mary Curry, members of old fam-

ilies in that county, and to this union were born the three sons above mentioned, Hal C., Frank H., and James Lloyd Kimbrough, the two latter of whom were born in Muncie. Mr. and Mrs. Kimbrough celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1920. They are members of the Methodist church. James Lloyd Kimbrough, general manager of the Indiana Bridge Company, was born at Muncie on November 8, 1879, and his local schooling was supplemented by attendance at the Howe School, Lima, Ind.; Worcester (Mass.) Academy and the Lawrence Scientific School of Harvard University, his course in the latter institution being directed with special reference to structural steel engineering. Upon his return from Harvard in 1901 he became associated with the work of his father's enterprise, the Indiana Bridge Company, and has ever since been thus connected, treasurer of the company since 1904 and general manager since his father's retirement from active management in 1913. In 1903 James Lloyd Kimbrough was united in marriage to Huda May Smith, daughter of J. H. Smith, of Muncie.

ROBERT E. GATES, a Muncie merchant, dealer in harness, tires and automobile accessories, who died in March, 1924, was born in the city of Columbiana, Ohio, August 15, 1872, and was a son of Harry N. and Mary (Sheets) Gates, the latter of whom also was born there, a daughter of Samuel Sheets. The late Harry N. Gates, a veteran of the Civil war, who was for some years engaged in business in Muncie and whose last days were spent here, was born in York, Pa., and was a son of John Gates, also a native Pennsylvanian. Though he was but sixteen years of age when the Civil war broke out, Harry N. Gates presently was accepted for service and served for three years and six months as a member of the 22nd Pennsylvania Cavalry. Upon the completion of his military service he took up the trade of harness making and presently left York and went to Columbiana, Ohio, where he married and established his home, engaging there in the harness business. In 1882 he moved from there to Indianapolis, where his wife died on March 27, 1893, at the age of forty-five years. Following this bereavement he moved to Muncie, where he became engaged in the harness business and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on December 12, 1908, he then being sixty-three years of age. He was a Republican and a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. He had three sons, the subject of this memorial sketch having had two brothers, John S. Gates, now living in Philadelphia, and William Ralph Gates, who died at Muncie on January 8, 1917. Robert E. Gates was ten years of age when his

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parents moved from Columbiana to Indianapolis, and his schooling was completed in the schools of the latter city. When sixteen years of age he returned to Columbiana and there became engaged at work in the boiler shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and was thus engaged for about ten years, or until in 1897, when he rejoined his father and his brother Ralph at Muncie, to take part in their mercantile activities here. From that time and until his death he was engaged in business at Muncie and came to be the owner of a well stocked establishment at 121 North High street. Upon their father's death in 1908 he and his brother Ralph took over the business and thus continued in partnership until in 1916, about a year before his brother's death, when he bought the latter's interest in the store and thereafter carried on the business alone until his death on March 5, 1924. Mr. Gates was a Republican and was a member of the local post of the Sons of Veterans, a Knight of Pythias, an Elk and a Red Man. On December 24, 1893, at Bradford, Ohio, Robert E. Gates was united in marriage to Dessie Moore, who also was born in Ohio, daughter of John Samuel and Mary A. (Deyarmin) Moore, and who survives him. Mrs. Gates has two daughters, Helen, who married N. E. Catterlin, of Muncie, and has a daughter, Barbara, and Edith, who married Paul Mann, now a resident of Milwaukee, and has a son, Robert Franklin Mann. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Gates has continued to make her home at Muncie and resides at 418 West Jackson street.

DR. ULYSSES GRANT POWERS, a member of the Delaware County Medical Society and for almost thirty years a practicing physician at Albany, was born at Albany on March 12, 1865, and has been a resident of that place all his life. Doctor Powers is a son of the late Dr. James H. Powers, the first physician to become permanently established in practice at Albany and who for many years was recognized as one of the leaders of the medical profession in this county. Dr. James H. Powers was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, in 1817, but was reared at Jamestown in Greene county, Ohio, where he read medicine with a local physician and then entered the old Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1850. In the next year he came over into Indiana and located at the then promising village of Albany, establishing himself in practice there in succession to Dr. Isaiah Templin, who left for Iowa about that time, and in that pleasant village spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on March 9, 1882. His widow, who was Lucinda Mann, a member of the pioneer Mann family of this section of Indi-

ana, survived him for many years, her death occurring in 1910, she then being seventy-four years of age. To Dr. James H. and Lucinda (Mann) Powers were born five children, but two of whom survive, the junior Doctor Powers having a sister, Miss Laura M. Powers, who for thirty-five years has been a teacher in the Albany public schools, rendering thus a life of service in that community that will be held in good remembrance long after this generation has passed. Dr. Ulysses Grant Powers was seventeen years of age when his father died. He supplemented the schooling received in the local schools by attendance on the normal school at Valparaiso, Ind., and the normal at Delaware, Ohio, and early began teaching school, a vocation he followed during the winters for seven years, teaching in the schools of Delaware township. Meanwhile he had been giving his attention to the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Doctor Murray, who for five years prior to the elder Doctor Powers' death had been the latter's partner at Albany, and in 1890 entered the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis, from which institution he was graduated in 1895. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Powers returned to Albany and became engaged in practice there in association with Doctor Murray, a mutually agreeable partnership which was maintained until Doctor Murray's death in 1915, since which time Doctor Powers has maintained his office alone. For two terms Doctor Powers served as health officer for the town of Albany. He is a member of Anthony lodge, No. 171, Free and Accepted Masons, at Albany and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. On June 26, 1901, Dr. U. G. Powers was united in marriage to Laura Helen Stafford, a member of one of the real pioneer families of Delaware county, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Caroline Lucile Powers ,who is now a student in Northwestern University at Chicago. Mrs. Powers was born in Delaware township and completed her schooling in Depauw University and in the Chicago Conservatory of Music and for some time prior to her marriage had been teaching instrumental music at Albany. She is a daughter of James E. and Caroline (Russell) Stafford, the latter a daughter of John and Susanna Russell, pioneers of Hamilton township, this county. James E. Stafford, formerly and for years a merchant and manufacturer at Albany and a large landowner in Delaware township, also was born in that township, a son of Ralph and Jane (Black) Stafford, the latter of whom was born in Clark county, Ohio, daughter of Andrew and Susan (Ross) Black. The pioneer Ralph Stafford, who entered his land in Delaware township, four miles west of the present town of

Albany, on March 7, 1836, was a Virginian, born in 1806 in Giles county in the Old Dominion, and was a son of George and Catherine (Fair) Stafford, natives of Ireland, who had settled in Virginia upon coming to this country. Ralph Stafford and his wife had five children and the descendants of this pioneer couple in this generation form a considerable connection.

DR. JOHN N. BELL, one of Delaware county's veteran physicians, engaged in practice at New Burlington for more than thirty-five years, is a Virginian by birth, born at Morgantown in that section of the Old Dominion which since the days of the Civil war has been West Virginia, April 21, 1858, and is a son of Henry and Louise (Swisher) Bell, both also Virginians, who spent all their lives there and who were the parents of ten children. Nine of these children grew to maturity and five of them are still living, Doctor Bell having two sisters, Mrs. Agnes J. Stealey and Mrs. Carrie F. Myers, and two brothers, George W. and Charles F. Bell. The Doctor is the only one of this family residing in Indiana. John N. Bell completed his ordinary schooling at Fairmont, W. Va., and at the age of sixteen years began teaching school, a vocation he followed for ten years, meanwhile taking supplemental schooling in a normal school. While thus engaged he became interested in the study of medicine and for two years followed this study under private preceptorship. He then, in 1884, entered the old Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, and after two years of study there entered the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati and in the spring of 1888 was graduated from that institution. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Bell opened an office for the practice of his profession at New Burlington, in this county, and in that same fall was married and established his home at New Burlington, which ever since has been his place of residence, he thus now being numbered among the real veterans of the medical profession in Delaware county. The Doctor is a member of the Indiana State Medical Association, of the Delaware-Blackford (counties) Medical Society and of the Muncie Academy of Medicine. He is a Republican and is a Freemason of many years standing, twice worshipful master of Whitney lodge, No. 229, F. and A. M., at New Burlington, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Burlington. Doctor and Mrs. Bell have a fine farm of 125 acres in Perry township and the Doctor has long been interested in the operation of this farm, giving special attention to dairying and swine breeding. It was on November 28, 1888, that Dr. John N. Bell was united in marriage to Carrie L. Will, who was born in Perry town-

ship, this county, and to this union were born three daughters, Letha B., Enid A. and Mary F., the latter of whom died at the age of seven years. Letha B. Bell married Earl James and has one child, a son, Glenn N. James. Enid A. Bell is now attending the Perry township high school, a member of the class of 1926. Mrs. Bell is a daughter of John and Mary (Keesling) Will, the latter of whom also was born in this county, daughter of Daniel Keesling, a member of one of the county's pioneer families. John Will was born in Wayne county, Indiana, a son of Thomas and Margaret (Singer) Will, and after his marriage in 1869 to Mary Keesling established his home on a farm in Perry township. To him and his wife were born three children, Mrs. Bell having a sister, Martha, and a brother, Burton E. Will.

ARTHUR EARL BOYCE, head of the A. E. Boyce Company of Muncie, printers, manufacturing stationers and office outfitters; former president of the Muncie Commercial Club, a member of the directorate of the Delaware County National Bank and in other ways interested in the general commercial and industrial activities of his home town, was born in Muncie, December 31, 1877, and is a son of James and Margaret (Mohler) Boyce, concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this volume, the late James Boyce having been in his generation one of the chief directing forces in the development of Muncie's material interests. Reared at Muncie, Earl Boyce supplemented the schooling received in the local schools by a year of study in Kenyon Military Academy at Gambier, Ohio, and one term in the Miami Commercial College at Dayton, Ohio, and then became engaged in his father's shoe factory, going on up through the establishment from the bench as a shoe cutter to the office as shipping clerk, and was thus engaged when the plant was sold and removed to Coldwater, Mich. He accompanied the new proprietors to help get things settled down, but presently returned to Muncie and became engaged as bookkeeper in his father's real estate and brokerage office. He married within less than a month after attaining his twenty-first year and then moved to Muskegon, Mich., where he became engaged in the brokerage business. Not finding the situation there to his liking he not long afterward returned to Muncie and on November 1, 1899, became engaged in that city in the bookbinding line, operating under the firm name of the Boyce-Campbell Company. On February 12 following (1900) this company acquired a printing plant and changed its name to the Hoosier Printing Company, presently extending its line to include general office supplies. In 1912 another reorganization was effected and the company since

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has been known as the A. E. Boyce Company, which not only has been locally successful but has extended its operations until now under Mr. Boyce's management there are no fewer than one hundred branch sales and service offices of the concern in the United States, these covering the country from coast to coast and from the gulf to the lakes, the general offices being maintained at Muncie, 321 East Main Street, where Mr. Boyce has his headquarters establishment. On January 11, 1915, Mr. Boyce was elected a member of the board of directors of the Delaware County National Bank and still occupies that position. He also since 1918 has been a member of the directorate of the Muncie Savings and Loan Company. On January 12, 1916, he was elected president of the Muncie Commercial Club (Chamber of Commerce) and for two terms held that office, later and for two years being a director of the club. In his political views he is aligned with the Republicans. He is a Scottish Rite (32°) and York Rite (Knights Templar) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is one of the charter members of the Muncie Rotary Club. He and his wife are members of St. John's Universalist church and for a number of years he was a member of the board of trustees of that congregation. Mr. Boyce has been, since its inception, one of the promoters of the work of the local Young Men's Christian Association, and has served for many years as a member of the Boys' Work committee of that institution. During the period of this country's participation in the World war he contributed generally to local war-work activities, being one of the organizers of the Muncie chapter of the American Red Cross, and has since served as a member of the executive committee of that chapter. As a vice chairman of the first Red Cross war drive of the Muncie chapter, Mr. Boyce conceived and inaugurated the plan by which a permanent fund of more than $50,000 was created, the income from which contributed largely to the maintenance of a local office organization which rendered efficient home service during the entire period of the World war and has since been active in the relief and care of the county's indigent World war veterans and carried on the other duties properly falling to it, the local chapter now being one of the few permanent, self-sustained local Red Cross chapters in the country. On January 25, 1899, Earl Boyce was united in marriage to Georgia Eugenia Patterson, of Danville, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Boyce have one child, a daughter, Harriet Eugenia.

LEWIS SAMUEL CUNNINGHAM, who died at his home on the Burlington pike in Perry township a little more than two years ago and whose widow is still living there, rural mail route No. 6 out of Muncie, was born in that township, November 16, 1852, and was a son of Benjamin and Mary Ann (Rees) Cunningham, the latter of whom was a daughter of Lewis Rees, who had settled in Perry township in 1822 and who was one of the first associate judges of Delaware county, as is set out elsewhere, together with fitting reference to the pioneer Rees family in this county. Benjamin Cunningham was a native of Maryland who in the days of his young manhood came to Indiana and after his marriage became a substantial farmer and landowner of Perry township, as also is set out elsewhere in this work. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, so that the Cunningham connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one. Lewis S. Cunningham, the second in order of birth of the children born to this pioneer couple, was reared on the home farm in Perry township and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. When twenty years of age, in 1873, he went West and became employed in the coal mines in the San Juan country in Colorado, later took up farming and ranching in Kansas and in 1884, in Crawford county, Kansas, married Cora Elizabeth Page. A few months later he returned to Delaware county with his bride and established his home on the farm in Perry township which he had inherited from his father and lived there for some time. He then moved to another farm and there lived until in 1893, when he bought the place of eighty-seven acres on the Burlington road on which his widow now is living and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on January 22, 1922. Mr. Cunningham made numerous improvements on this place and brought it up to the general standards of a modern farm plant. Mr. Cunningham was a Republican and a Freemason. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Cunningham has continued to make her home on the farm, where she has lived for more than thirty years. She was born in Logan county, Kentucky, and was eleven years of age when she went with her parents, Joseph and Betty (Riley) Page, to Crawford county, Kansas, where she grew to womanhood and was married. Joseph Page died in 1902 and his widow is now making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Cunningham. To Joseph Page and wife were born four children, those besides Mrs. Cunningham being another daughter, Maude, and two sons, Joseph and Walter Page. To Samuel L. and Cora E. (Page) Cunningham

were born three sons, Page, Benjamin and Vernie, the latter of whom died at the age of nineteen years. Page Cunningham married India Turner and has one child, a son, Chalmer. Benjamin Cunningham married Jennie Brewer and has four children, Walter, Webb, Fay and Jack. Another child of this latter union, Cora Belle, is deceased.

JOHN A. NEEL, a substantial farmer and landowner of Liberty township, living on rural mail route No. 1 out of Selma, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. Mr. Neel was born on July 24, 1851, and is a son of Jordan and Malinda (Hedrick) Neel, both natives of Virginia, who had come to Indiana with their respective parents in the days of their youth, the Neels and the Hedricks having been pioneers of this section. John Neel, father of Jordan Neel, took over an "eighty" in the woods of Liberty township, established his home there, made a farm out of the place and there spent the remainder of his life. Jordan Neel grew to manhood on that pioneer farm and in turn became a farmer, a vocation he followed all his life. After his marriage he bought a farm in the Smithfield neighborhood but a few years later disposed of that place and bought the farm on which his son John is now living, and there he spent his last days. Of the six children born to him and his wife four are now living, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Sarah E., Nancy J. and Leah P. Reared on the home farm in Liberty township, John A. Neel received his schooling in the local schools and continued farming with his father until after his marriage, when he began farming on his own account, starting in as a renter. After his father's death he bought the interests of the other heirs in the home "eighty" and has since made his home here, in the meantime increasing his holdings until now he has a well improved farm of 154 acres. John A. Neel married Frances Arbogast and he and his wife have three daughters, Della Mae, Goldie Demoine and Ruth Ellen, all of whom are married. Della Mae Neel married James Stephens. Goldie Demoine Neel married Simon Stephens and has three children, Howard Earl, Frances Elizabeth and Roger, and Ruth Ellen Neel married Leslie Jones and has one child, a son, Neel Aquila Jones. Mrs. Neel is a daughter of Sanford and Isabel (Hayes) Arbogast, who were the parents of nine children, four of whom are now living, Mrs. Neel having a sister, Louise, and two brothers, Henry M. and Albert Arbogast. Mr. and Mrs. Neel are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are Democrats. Mr. Neel is a charter member of Pueblo Tribe, No. 234, Improved Order of Red Men, at Selma, which was instituted on April 15, 1897, and Mrs. Neel is a

charter member of the woman's auxilliary of that body, Pueblo Council, No. 96, Degree of Pocahontas, at Selma, organized on June 30, 1897.

DR. JOHN H. WILLIAMS, former coroner of Delaware county, and for the past fifteen years a practicing physician at Cowan, where he still makes his home, was born in Shawnee (a mining town), Perry county, Ohio, November 15, 1879. He is a son of John R. and Maria (Davis) Williams, both natives of Wales and the latter of whom, born near Cardiff in South Wales, is still living and making her home with her son, the Doctor, at Cowan. The late John R. Williams was born in 1836 at Holyhead on the Island of Anglesey in North Wales, where he lived and spent his early years working in the coal mines and later learned the blacksmith's trade at his father's forge. When twenty years of age he bade farewell to his parents, brothers and sisters and having decided to cast his lot in the "land of promise," boarded a vessel bound for the United States and after many stormy days at sea landed safely at New York city, from where he went to Middleport, Meigs county, Ohio, where he became employed at his trade as blacksmith. After his marriage he established his home at Shawnee, Ohio, at which place he remained until 1882 when he moved with this family to a little hill farm which he purchased, in the West Virginia hills in Mason county, near the West Virginia coal fields. Here the family carried on the operation of the little farm, while he worked in the coal mines. He was thus engaged until, by reason of a mining accident, he was so severely injured that it became necessary for him to give up mining, but after several months was able to resume the duties of his little farm. To John R. Williams and wife were born nine children, five of whom are now living, Doctor Williams having two sisters, Miss Anna Williams of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. Sarah Jones, of Columbus, Ohio, and two brothers, Henry Williams of Pittsburg, Pa., and Dr. Robert J. Williams, of Pine River, Minn. John Hugh Williams was but three years of age when he moved with his parents to West Virginia where he lived until he was sixteen years of age. Here, under the influence of sturdy, honest, hard-working parents, he learned the value of work, for there was always plenty to do. From four to six months each winter he had to walk almost five miles daily over hills, through woods and mud, to the little country school where the "Three Rs" and prisoner's base and bull-pen were the principal parts of the curriculum. Here, under the home-made shingle roof of the log house called "home," of which the cracks and crevices between the logs were daubed with mud each fall

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to keep out the cold and snow, the family spent their winter evenings together before a great open fire-place, into which great logs were carried or rolled to keep the house warm and help light up the room for reading and studying. As he grew older, his schooling was cut shorter during the winter months on account of the early spring duties of the farm. At the age of sixteen he went to Rossville, Ill., to make his home with Dr. F. M. Mason, where he had a chance to enter the Rossville high school, from which he was graduated four years later. During the summer vacations and spare moments he spent reading medicine under the preceptorship of Doctors Livingood and Mason. In September, 1903, he entered the medical department of the University of Maryland at Baltimore, Md., and in the following year, in order to be near his home, entered the Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated in 1907. Doctor Williams first opened an office for the practice of medicine at Waynesburg, Ohio, and two years later he located at Cowan, at which place he is still engaged in active practice. Doctor Williams is a member of the Delaware-Blackford (county) Medical Society, of the Muncie Academy of Medicine, of the Indiana State Medical Association and of the American Medical Association. He is a Republican, and for the past seven years has been a member of the United States pension board for the Muncie district. He also served for three years as coroner of Delaware county. In 1909, while at Waynesburg, Stark county, Ohio, Dr. John Hugh Williams was united in marriage to Myrtle O. Muckley, daughter of Jerome and Mary (Farber) Muckley, and to this union two children have been born, a daughter, Bethyl Virginia, and a son, John Allen Williams. Doctor and Mrs. Williams are members of the Cowan Methodist Protestant church at Cowan, and the Doctor is a member of the Cowan lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

EDGAR CRAW, a retired farmer of Union township, now residing in Eaton, where he is operating the dray line, was born in this county in 1897 and is a son of Jesse and Anna (Lambert) Craw, both of whom also were born in this county, the latter a daughter of Joseph and Clara (Edgington) Lambert. Jesse Craw is a son of Richard and Mary (Matson) Craw. He and his wife have five children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the second in order of birth, the others being Myrtle, Elizabeth, Eileen, Joseph and Jay, all of whom are married save the two latter. Myrtle Craw married Daniel Swingley; Elizabeth Craw married Peter Williamson; and Eileen Craw married Louis Henderson. Edgar Craw married Velma Morris,

daughter of Otto and Lillie (King) Morris, and has one child, a son, Max R. Mr. and Mrs. Craw are members of the Christian church.

J. ROLLEN BLACK, a substantial farmer and landowner of Delaware county, now living retired at Eaton, is a native son of this county, a member of one of the real pioneer families here, and has lived here all his life. Mr. Black was born on a farm in Niles township in 1847 and is a son of Edward and Mary (Brammer) Black, who were among the pioneers of Delaware township, the latter (born in 1827) having come in here from Ohio with her parents, Edmund and Nancy (Hatfield) Brammer, in the year 1837, the family settling in Niles township, where Mrs. Brammer died in 1873 and Edmund Brammer, in 1887. Edmund Brammer and his wife were the parents of ten children and the Brammer connection of this family in the present generation is thus a considerable one. Edward Black was born in Clark county, Ohio, in 1818, and was a son of Andrew and Susanna (Ross) Black, both Virginians, whose last days were spent in Clark county (Ohio), the latter dying in 1845 and the former, in 1854. They also had ten children and their descendants in the present generation form a numerous family. It was in the middle '30s of the past century that the Blacks became represented in Delaware county. William Black, a brother of Edward, came over here from Ohio in 1834, the first of the family thus to settle here. Edward Black came over in 1845, about the time of his marriage to Mary Brammer, and settled on a half section of timber land he had bought in Niles township and for which he had paid $900. There he established his home and proceeded to make a farm out of the place. As his affairs prospered he added to his land holdings until at one time he was the owner of near 600 acres of land, which in due time he distributed among his children. There were five of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, there being two other sons, John W. and Edmund Black, and two sisters, Malinda Jane, who married Samuel McDonald, and Susan E., who married John M. Fudge. Edward Black lived to have numerous grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He died in 1894 at the age of seventy-five and his widow in 1907, at the age of eighty. J. Rollen Black grew up on the home farm in Niles township, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and in time became a farmer on his own account, a vocation he followed until his retirement in 1912 and removal to Eaton, where he since has made his home. He is the owner of a well improved farm of 240 acres and continues to take an interest in the operation of the same, though long since retired from the active

labors of the farm. Mr. Black has been twice married. To him and his first wife (Mary Harshman) were born seven children, Walter, Nellie (wife of C. Morris), Thomas, Edward (deceased), Marietta (wife of Ralph Johns), Jessie (deceased) and Joseph Black. The mother of these children died in 1892 and in 1912 Mr. Black married Dora Isgrigg.

ARETUS REES, a substantial farmer and landowner of Perry township, residing on the Burlington pike, rural mail route No. 6 out of Muncie, was born on the farm on which he is now living, a part of the original Lewis Rees entry tract there along the river in section 31, and has lived there all his life. Mr. Rees was born on October 18, 1873, and is a son of Borter and Lavina (Rees) Rees, the latter of whom was born in Wayne county, Indiana. Borter Rees was born in Perry township and was one of the ten children born to Lewis and Mary Rees, Virginians of Welsh stock, who had settled here in 1822 and concerning whom further and fitting mention is made elsewhere in this volume, Lewis Rees having been one of the first associate judges of the old circuit court elected in this county and a man of large influence in the days of the beginning of social and civic order hereabout. Borter Rees was reared on the old home farm in Perry township and after his marriage settled down there to farming and stock raising, coming to be known as one of the large stock dealers of the county and the owner of 500 or 600 acres of land. He died in 1886 at the age of forty-eight years and his widow is now living with her son, the subject of this sketch. Of the nine children born to Borter Rees and wife, five are still living, the subject of this sketch having four brothers, Henry, Grant, Warren and Herbert Rees. Reared on the home farm, Aretus Rees received his schooling in the nearby Rees school house. He was thirteen years of age when his father died and he continued helping on the home farm in his mother's behalf until he reached his majority when he came into his inheritance of a tract of forty-six acres of the home place and then began farming on his own account, a vocation he since has followed, and continues to reside there, having established his home on that place after his marriage. Mr. Rees has enlarged his original holdings and now has a well improved farm of 149 acres. He and his wife are Republicans. Mrs. Rees (Glennie G. Chalfant) was born in Monroe township, this county, and is a daughter of Joel and Nancy J. (Gibson) Chalfant, the latter of whom was born in that same township, in 1852, a daughter of Garrett and Elizabeth (Clements) Gibson, the former of whom was a son of Valentine Gibson, one of the

pioneers of this county. Joel Chalfant was born in Ohio in 1827, a son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Winders) Chalfant, and was ten years of age when his parents came to Delaware county with their family and settled in Perry township in 1837. He grew to manhood here, established himself as a successful farmer in Monroe township and died there at the age of seventy years.

CHARLES M. ORR, formerly and for many years engaged in the railway mail service and now engaged in the mercantile business at Selma, member of the firm of Orr & Murray, dealers in hardware, implements and coal, is a member of one of the pioneer families of Delaware county, the Orrs having been represented here since in the '30s of the past century when James Orr came over here from Greene county, Ohio, with his family and settled along Campbell creek in the lower part of Delaware township a mile or two east of the present village of Desoto. Charles M. Orr was born on the old home farm in Delaware township on August 23, 1850, and is a son of James and Julia Ann (Hopping) Orr, the latter of whom was born in Greene county, Ohio, a member of the pioneer Hopping family of that county. James Orr, who represented this district in the state Legislature during the time of the Civil war, was later state senator from this district and who also served the county for years as a member of the board of county commissioners, was a native of Ireland, born in the town of Omagh, County Tyrone, February 25, 1815, and was six years old when in 1821 he came to this country with his parents, James and Elizabeth (Jamison) Orr, the family locating in the White Sulphur Springs neighborhood in Greenbriar county, Virginia, later moving into Monroe county, same state, now included in West Virginia. There the Orr family remained until in 1836 when they moved to Greene county, Ohio, and two years later, in 1838, came over here into the New Purchase and settled in Delaware township, this county. The senior James Orr bought 320 acres of land here and put up his home in section 27, near the south border of Delaware township. He was accompanied here by his children, Joseph, Margaret, Samuel, Martha and James. The junior James Orr was twenty-three years of age when he came over here in 1838. In January of that same year, in Greene county, he had married Julia Ann Hopping and he and his bride settled down to the serious task of creating a home in a woodland wilderness. He was a good farmer and it was not long until he became recognized as one of the representative farmers of the new county, as well as one of the leaders in the Whig party in

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this part of the state. In 1844 he was elected to represent his district on the board of county commissioners and for five or six years he served in that important public capacity. In 1853 he was elected to represent this district in the lower house of the Indiana General Assembly and in 1861 was sent back to the House, thus representing this district in the Legislature during the stressful times of the Civil war. In 1871 he was elected to represent this senatorial district (Delaware and Madison counties) in the Senate. In other ways, in various local capacities, he also rendered public service and was accounted one of the strong men of his generation in this county. James Orr died in 1895. He was twice married. His first wife (Julia Ann Hopping) died on April 30, 1869, and in June, 1870, he married Martha J. Campbell, of Selma. To James and Julia Ann (Hopping) Orr were born eight children, those besides the subject of this sketch (the sixth in order of birth) being William, James David, Margaret J., Samuel, Joseph N., Elizabeth Matilda and Mary Rebecca. The eldest son, William Orr, was colonel of the 20th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war. Charles M. Orr grew up on the home farm in Delaware township, completed his schooling at old Asbury University (now DePauw) at Greencastle, Ind., and for something more than ten years was engaged in teaching school during the winters, meanwhile continuing his attention to the farm, and was thus engaged until in 1879 he entered the railway mail service, a service in which he was engaged for something more than forty years, or until his retirement in 1920. During all these years of postal service Mr. Orr had but two "runs," that between Pittsburg and St. Louis and between Cleveland and St. Louis, and he was retired with honor. Upon his retirement from the railway mail service Mr. Orr settled down in his old home town of Selma and became engaged in the hardware and coal business in association with his nephew, James Orr Murray, of whom further mention is made elsewhere, and has since been thus engaged, doing business under the firm name of Orr & Murray. On July 14, 1875, Charles M. Orr was united in marriage to Kate A. Sayre, daughter of William and Margaret (Scott) Sayre. Mrs. Orr died on June 30, 1913. Mr. Orr is a Republican. From the days of his youth until a few years ago he had been a member of the United Presbyterian church, in the faith of which communion he had been reared. He then united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Selma.

CHARLES B. KIRKLIN, former assessor of Perry township, formerly and for a quarter of a century a teacher in the public schools of this county, now engaged in farming in Perry township, residing on rural mail route No. 6 out of Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. Mr. Kirklin was born in the village of Cowan on February 25, 1873, and is a son of John R. and Elizabeth (Holler) Kirklin, the latter of whom was born in Montgomery county, Ohio. The late John R. Kirklin was born in Wayne county, Indiana, in 1826, and was a son of Jeremiah and Martha (Ballinger) Kirklin, the latter of whom was a daughter of a soldier of the Revolution. Jeremiah Kirklin, who was a native of North Carolina, had a farm of 100 acres in Wayne county. In 1832 he sold that place for $600 and moved with his family to Coles county, Illinois, where he entered a tract of land from the government and established his home, in time becoming a large landowner there. John R. Kirklin was six years of age when his parents moved to Illinois and he grew up in Coles county and was there married. In 1854 he returned to Indiana and settled on a farm in the Blountsville neighborhood in Henry county, where he lived until in 1871, when he came over into Delaware county and located at Cowan, where he started a cooper shop. In 1883 he moved from Cowan to Mt. Pleasant and in the latter place spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1910. He was twice married. In 1844, in Illinois, he married Eliza Jane Brewer, who died in 1862 in Henry county. She was the mother of seven children, James, Taylor, William, Martha, Jacob, John and George. John R. Kirklin then married Mrs. Elizabeth (Holler) Richardson and of the children born to this union four grew to maturity, those besides the subject of this sketch being Eli, Elizabeth and Susan. Charles B. Kirklin was ten years of age when his father moved from Cowan to Mt. Pleasant and he completed his public schooling in the schools of the latter place and early began teaching school, a vocation he followed for twenty-five years, all of this service save one year spent in Monroe township being rendered in Perry township. He was largely instrumental in securing the establishment of a high school in Perry township and was the first principal of that school. Meantime he had pursued his studies at the Central Indiana Normal School at Danville and the State Normal School at Terre Haute and in 1899 was graduated from this latter institution. In 1907-08 he took the scientific course in Indiana University. In 1915 Mr. Kirklin retired from active service in the school room and has since been giving his attention to his farm, forty acres of which

he had bought in 1910. He now has something more than sixty-seven acres, which he has well improved. Mr. Kirklin is a Republican and served for three years as assessor of Perry township. He is a Freemason and is now serving his second term as worshipful master of the Masonic lodge at New Burlington. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Burlington and he is a member of the official board of that congregation and has been superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. Kirklin have two children, a daughter, Frances E., and a son, George Kirklin, both of whom are attending school in Perry township. Mrs. Kirklin was born in this township (Mercedes Marshall) and is a daughter of Horace and Julia (Offtendinger) Marshall, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families there. Horace Marshall was a farmer and owned land both in this county and in Henry county. Of the five children born to him and his wife four are still living, Mrs. Kirklin having two sisters, Mabel and Ruth, and a brother, Lloyd Marshall.

FRED ILLINGWORTH, president and general manager of the Holderfield Supply Company, general builders' supplies, at Muncie, made his first acquaintance with Muncie during the time of the erection of the court house back in the '80s and was so much "taken" with the town that he has been quite content to remain here ever since. Mr. Illingworth is a native of England, born on March 16, 1857, but was but an infant when his parents, John and Martha (Watson) Illingworth, left that country with their family and came across the water, locating at Ottawa, Canada. It was thus that Fred Illingworth was reared in Canada. He grew up at Ottawa and learned the stone-cutter's trade. At the age of twenty-one, in 1879, he came to the United States and began working as a journeyman stonecutter, being thus employed at several different places until in 1882, when he took employment with the contracting firm that then was engaged in the erection of the court house at Warsaw, Ind. After that he was engaged on public works at Frankfort and at Valparaiso and in 1887 came to Muncie to give a help out on the finishing touches then being put on the Delaware county court house. He later was employed on the erection of the court house at Evansville, one of the leading craftsmen of the Pearce & Morgan Company, and was for years thereafter in this company's employ. In 1897 Mr. Illingworth was returned to Muncie to superintend the erection of the normal school buildings and he ever since has been a resident of this city. Upon completing the normal school job he became engaged in the general contracting business at Muncie, opening a stone yard in North

High street. From this beginning was developed the general builders' supply line in which he is now engaged and when the Holderfield Supply Company was organized he was made president and general manager of that concern and has since been thus engaged, with offices and yards in East Jackson street, where the company has a well established and admirably equipped plant. Fred Illingworth has been thrice married. His first wife, Elizabeth Gilchrist, died and was buried at Muncie, leaving two children, Mabel Elizabeth and Arthur G. Mr. Illingworth later married Mrs. Wilhelmina Holderfield and after her death married Mrs. Sadie Hogett. The Illingworths live at 317 East Gilbert street. Mr. and Mrs. Illingworth are members of the Baptist church. Mr. Illingworth is a Scottish Rite (32°) and Knights Templar Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

GEORGE R. ANDREWS, M. D., F. A. C. S., a surgeon at Muncie, a practitioner for more than twenty-five years, is a member of one of the real pioneer families of Delaware county, his paternal grandmother having been the first white person born in the tract now covered by the city of Muncie and his grandfather one of the early physicians of old Muncietown. Doctor Andrews was born in the village of Rome City, in Noble county, Indiana, August 20, 1874, and is a son of John E. and Hannah Frances (Yingling) Andrews, the latter of whom was born in Connersville, Ind., a member of one of the old families of that part of the state, and died at Muncie in 1908. John Edwin Andrews, a retired miller, now living at Muncie, was born in Muncie and is a son of Dr. Daniel H. and Mary Jane (Gilbert) Andrews, the latter of whom was born here on what then was called the Hackley Reserve, an Indian reservation, in 1826, daughter of Goldsmith C. and Mary (Bishop) Gilbert, natives of Washington county, New York, who were among the earliest settlers in what came to be organized as Delaware county in 1827 and at whose trading post here at the bend of the river on the old Indian reserve the county seat was established when the county was erected, a story that is set out with considerable detail elsewhere in this work. Dr. Daniel H. Andrews, grandfather of Dr. George R. Andrews, also was born in Washington county, New York, where he received his early schooling and where he became interested in the study of medicine. Coming West he became a student of Doctor Mussey at Cincinnati and under this preceptorship was prepared for college. Following his graduation at the medical college at Cincinnati he went to Florida and was there engaged in practice for a short time or until in 1842, when he came

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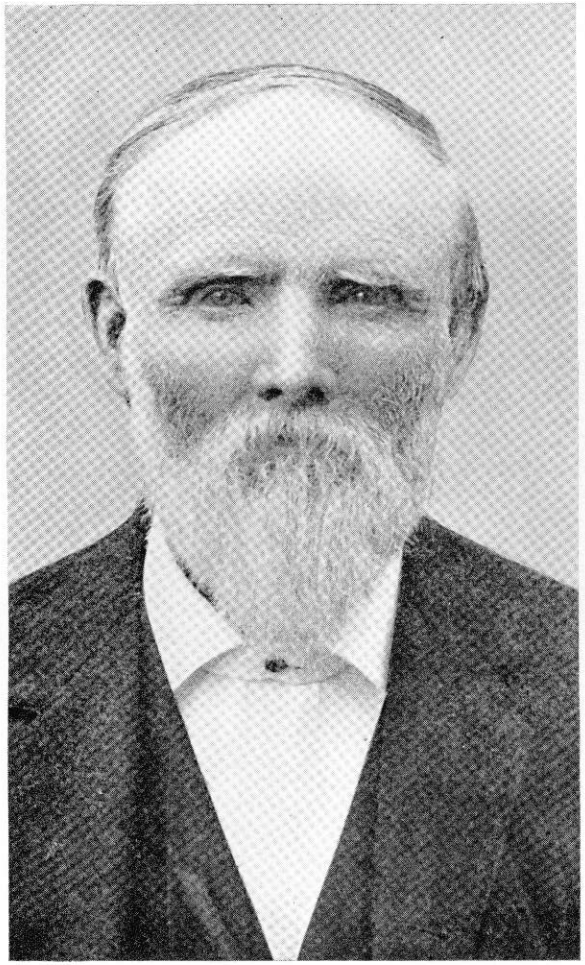
to Indiana and located at Muncietown, where he found a field for practice awaiting him. On October 31, 1844, he married Mary Jane Gilbert and established his home here, where the remainder of his life was spent in good work, his death occurring in 1856, his widow being left with four children, three of whom are still living, Mrs. Julia S. Williamson, John Edwin and George R. Andrews. There was another son, Samuel Andrews, now deceased. The widow Andrews married Joseph W. Edmunds and lived for many years thereafter, her death occurring on June 24, 1904, as is set out elsewhere, together with much interesting and informative matter relating to this woman who for nearly eighty years had been a witness to the development of the place whereon she was born and which she thus had seen grow from a mere trading station in the wilderness to a city of large importance. John Edwin Andrews, second son and third child of Dr. Daniel H. and Mary Jane (Gilbert) Andrews, was born in 1850 and was reared at Muncie, early being trained to the milling business, of which his grandfather Gilbert had been a pioneer here. After his marriage he for some time was engaged in business at Rome City, but presently returned to Muncie, where he since has made his home. To him and his wife were born four sons, the subject of this sketch having three brothers, Daniel A., C. Ray and Forrest E. Andrews. Having been but a child when his parents returned to Muncie from Rome City, Dr. George R. Andrews received his schooling in Muncie and upon completing the course in the high school entered the Medical College of Indiana at Indianapolis and in 1897 was graduated from this institution and in that same year was married. Upon receiving his diploma the Doctor opened an office for practice at Mount Summit, in the neighboring county of Henry, where he remained until in 1904, when he returned to Muncie and in that city ever since has been engaged in practice, with present residence at 401 East Adams street. Not long after taking up practice at Muncie, Doctor Andrews took a post-graduate course in surgery in New York and since 1907 has devoted his practice exclusively to surgery. In 1913-14 Doctor Andrews built the Muncie Home Hospital, at that time the largest private surgical hospital in the state of Indiana, and continued to operate it as a private surgical hospital until in June, 1921, when it was taken over by the board of governors of the Muncie Home Hospital and has since been operated under semi-public direction. Doctor Andrews also organized and maintained the nurses training

school of the Muncie Home Hospital, of which most of the practicing nurses of Delaware county are graduates. Doctor Andrews is a member of the Muncie Academy of Medicine, of the joint medical society of the counties of Delaware and Blackford, a fellow of the American Medical Association and of the American College of Surgeons, and has served as president of the county medical society. He is a Freemason and an Odd Fellow. It was in 1897, the year of his graduation from college, that Dr. George R. Andrews was united in marriage to Elizabeth Haymond, who was born on a farm just south of the city of Muncie, only daughter of William Allison and Mary (Louthain) Haymond, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Henry, March 17, 1844, daughter of George Louthain, a member of one of the first families in Henry county, and who is now making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Andrews at Muncie. William Allison Haymond, who died at his farm home south of Muncie in 1880, was born at Fairmount, Virginia, now West Virginia, October 26, 1840, and was a son of Octavius Haymond, who was a son of William Haymond, Jr., a son of William Haymond, a major in the Continental army during the War of the Revolution and by right of descent from whom Mrs. Andrews is a member of the local (Paul Revere) chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1859, when nineteen years of age, William Allison Haymond came to Indiana and was living in Delaware county when the Civil war broke out. On November 28, 1861, he enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and went to the front as a member of the 41st regiment (2d Indiana Cavalry), with which gallant command he served for three years. Upon the completion of his military service he returned to Delaware county and on January 18, 1865, was married to Mary Louthain, shortly afterward establishing his home on the farm south of town where he spent the remainder of his life. To him and his wife were born three children, of whom Mrs. Andrews is the last born, the others being Warren G. (deceased) and George L. Haymond. Doctor and Mrs. Andrews have one child, a son, Edwin H. Andrews, born on December 9, 1899, who rendered service in the artillery branch of the army at the officers training school at Camp Taylor during the time of this country's participation in the World war and who is now a student of medicine in Indiana University, with a view to following the profession in which representatives of two generations of his family have rendered conspicuous service in this county.

ANDREW JACKSON, a member of the board of county commissioners for Delaware county and a substantial farmer and landowner of Hamilton township, residing on the Wheeling pike, rural mail route No. 1 out of Muncie, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Delaware county for more than a quarter of a century. Mr. Jackson was born on a farm in Owen county on April 17, 1866, and is a son of Andrew and Catherine (Beula) Jackson, the latter of whom was born in Pennsylvania and was but a child when she came to Indiana with her parents, the family settling in Owen county, where she grew to womanhood and was married. She died in 1883. The senior Andrew Jackson was born in Dearborn county, this state, a son of William Jackson, and there grew to manhood. After his marriage he was engaged for some years in farming in Owen county and then moved to Clay county, where he bought a farm of 120 acres and established his home. To him and his wife were born eight children, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Susan, and a brother, Charles Jackson. The junior Andrew Jackson was but a lad when his parents moved from Owen county to Clay county and he grew up on the home farm in the western part of the latter county, finishing his schooling in the high school in the village of Riley, over the line in Vigo county. He married when twenty-two years of age and then began farming on his own account, renting a part of the William A. Bell farm of 800 acres in the neighborhood of his home. Two years later he was made superintendent of that farm and was thus engaged for about seven years, at the end of which time, in 1897, he came to Delaware county and took charge of the 400-acre Bell farm in Hamilton township and established his home there. During his long period of superintendency on this farm Mr. Jackson erected the present buildings and improved the place in up-to-date fashion, and there he continued to live until in 1912, when he bought his present place on the Wheeling pike, across the highway from the Bell farm and has since resided there, meanwhile having erected all the buildings there and established a modern farm plant. His first purchase there was forty-five acres. A few years later he bought an adjoining tract of like acreage and now has a well improved farm of ninety acres. Mr. Jackson is a Republican and in 1918 was elected a member of the advisory board for Hamilton township. In 1922 he was elected commissioner from his district on the board of county commissioners and is now serving in that responsible public capacity. In the primary election in May, 1924, he was nominated for a second

term in that office. He is a Freemason and an Odd Fellow and he and his wife are members of the Christian church. On November 29, 1888, in Clay county, Andrew Jackson was united in marriage to Effie E. Gard and to that union five children have been born, all of whom are living save Edna, the first born, the others being William Allen, Harvey C., Theodore A. and Mertie C., the latter of whom is a teacher in the Riley school near Muncie. Theodore A. Jackson is now a student in the University of Indiana. William Allen Jackson married Carrie Cochran and has two children, Julia and Martha, and Harvey C. Jackson married Ora Burt and has one child, Helen. Mrs. Effie E. Jackson was born in Owen county, Indiana, daughter of Lorenzo D. and Nancy (Wiley) Gard, who later became residents of Clay county, where Lorenzo D. Gard became the owner of a farm of something more than 100 acres. To Lorenzo D. Gard and wife were born seven children, five of whom are still living, Mrs. Jackson having two sisters, Edna J. and Mertie M., and two brothers, William S. and Harvey Gard.

ROY J. STAFFORD, a substantial farmer and landowner of Delaware county, now living in Hamilton township, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. Mr. Stafford was born on a farm in Delaware township on April 4, 1881, and is a son of George A. and Sarah A. (Zehner) Stafford, the latter of whom was born in Wayne county, this state, daughter of Benjamin and Hester (Hoppas) Zehner. The late George A. Stafford was born in Delaware township, this county, in 1835, and was a son of Ralph and Jane (Black) Stafford, the latter of whom was born in Clark county, Ohio, a daughter of Andrew and Susan (Ross) Black, who became numbered among the pioneers of Delaware county, as is set out elsewhere. Ralph Stafford was born in Giles county, Virginia, and was a son of George and Catherine (Fair) Stafford, who had come to this country from Ireland, and who in 1811 became residents of Clark county, Ohio. Ralph Stafford became a resident of Delaware township, this county, in 1835. He died in 1876 and his widow survived until in 1888. They were the parents of five children, of whom George A. Stafford was the eldest. During the days of his young manhood George A. Stafford worked as a tanner. He also for thirteen years operated a threshing rig throughout his home neighborhood, meantime carrying on extensive farming operations and in time came to be the owner of more than 800 acres of land in this county. He was one of the organizers of the Delaware County National Bank and a director of the same



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and had business property in Muncie, among the buildings he erected there being the former postoffice building on Walnut street, now occupied by the Liberty theatre, and the building now occupied by the Studebaker automobile sales concern on High street. He died on September 1, 1912, and his widow died in 1917. They were the parents of four children, all of whom are living save one son, David R., the subject of this sketch having a sister, Emma C., and a brother, Cyrus J. Stafford. Reared on the home farm in Delaware township, Roy J. Stafford supplemented the schooling received in the Stafford school by a course in the old Muncie Normal School and for two years thereafter was engaged in photography in the Neiswanger studio at Muncie. He then returned to the home farm and after his marriage farmed the place for a year, at the end of which time he moved to a farm of his own, a place of 240 acres in Union township, two and a half miles west of Shideler, on which he made extensive improvements and on which he carried on extensively in the live stock way. There Mr. Stafford resided until in 1922, when he moved to the place on which he is now living, a "forty" on the Studebaker pike in Hamilton township, the operations of which he oversees as well as those of his Union township farm, he now being the owner of 280 acres of well improved farm land. In 1904, Roy J. Stafford was united in marriage to Ethel Mae Smith, who also was born in Delaware township, daughter of J. Dent and Mary (Williamson) Smith, and to this union were born six children, Edith L., Mary L., Sarah R., George D., Howard and Albert Earl, the latter of whom died in infancy. The mother of these children died on October 29, 1921.

HARRY C. SHROYER, a substantial farmer and landowner of Liberty township, proprietor of a well improved farm on the Centennial pike, rural mail route No. 5 out of Muncie, was born in that township, a member of one of the real pioneer families of the county, and has lived there all his life. Mr. Shroyer was born on September 17, 1878, and is a son of John A. and Margaret (Baughn) Shroyer, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Randolph, daughter of Lester and Susanna Baughn. The late John A. Shroyer was born on a pioneer farm in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood in Liberty township, this county, December 21, 1845, and was a son of Melchoir and Rebecca (Jones) Shroyer, Virginians, born in that section of the Old Dominion now comprised within West Virginia, the former a son of Louis Shroyer, a member of one of the Virginia colonial families. Melchoir Shroyer was trained as a blacksmith and gun-

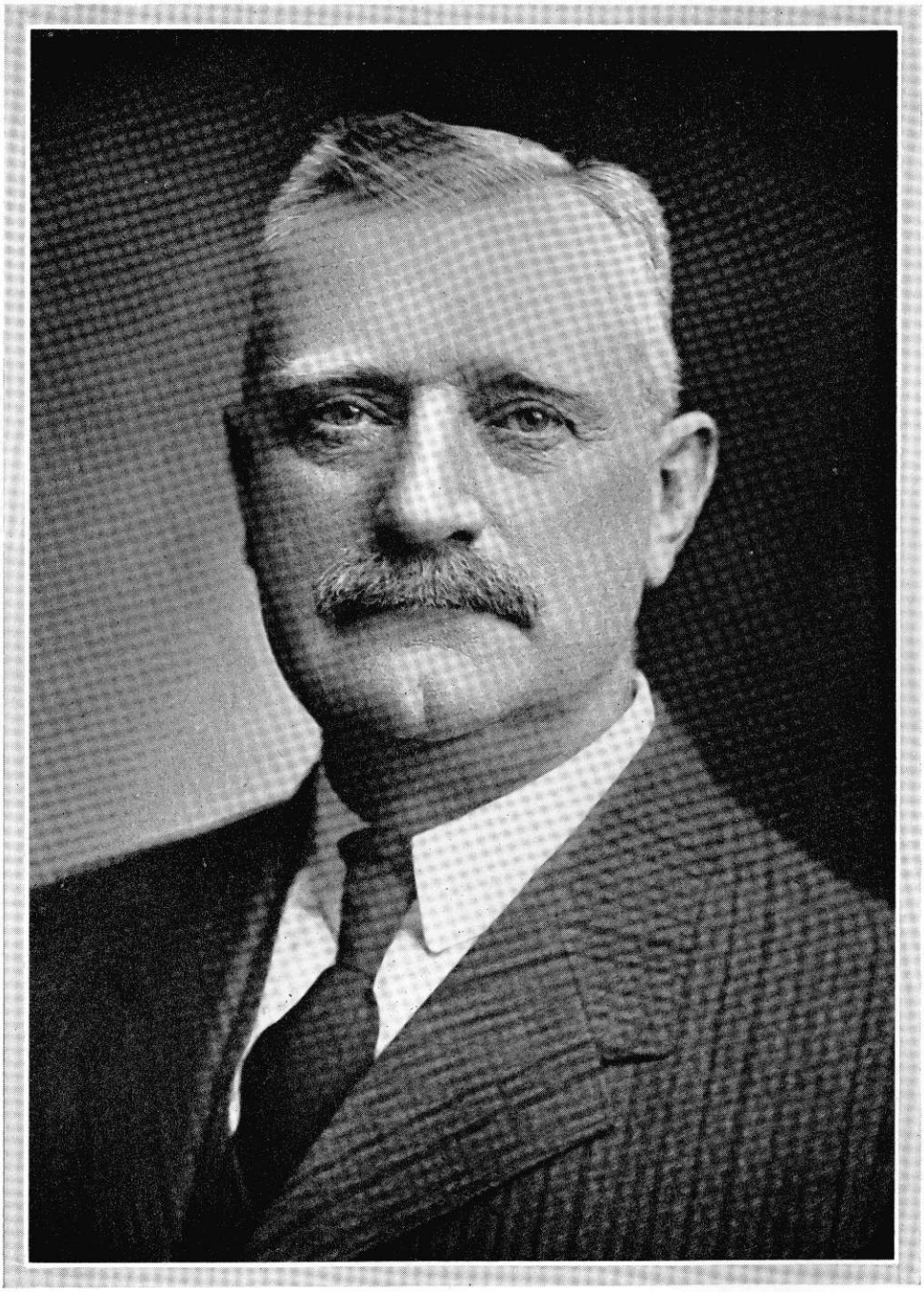
smith, vocations he followed at Grafton, Va., until after his marriage in the middle '30s of the past century, when he came into Indiana and after prospecting a bit in Madison county effected a settlement on a woodland "eighty" in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood in Liberty township, this county, where he established his home, reared his family and spent the remainder of his life, one of the useful pioneers of that neighborhood, for his skill as a smith was highly appreciated by his neighbors. He and his wife were the parents of eight children and as most of these married and reared families of their own the Shroyer connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one. One of the sons of this family, Jacob Shroyer, lost his life in the battle of Kennesaw Mountain while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil war. John A. Shroyer was the next to the last in order of birth of the children of this pioneer couple. He grew to manhood on the home farm in Liberty township and assisted in the development and improvement of that place until after his marriage, when he began farming on his own account and in 1879 bought the farm in section 35 of Liberty township on which he spent the remainder of his days, coming in time to be the owner of 230 acres of land in that township and in the neighboring township of Delaware. Mr. Shroyer was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He died on April 12, 1909. It was in 1874 that John A. Shroyer was united in marriage to Margaret Baughn and to that union were born ten children, all of whom are living save one, these (besides the subject of this sketch) being Charles, Everett, Herbert, Arthur, Birch, Walter, Frank and Zella. Reared on the home farm in the northeastern part of Liberty township, Harry C. Shroyer received his schooling in the Mt. Pleasant schools and until his marriage remained on the home farm, aiding in the development of the same. He married at the age of twenty-five and established his home on the place on which he is now living on the Centennial pike, which he had bought prior to his marriage, and has since resided there. Mr. Shroyer's first purchase there was of a tract of seventy acres. As his affairs prospered he has added to this original holding until now he is the owner of 236 acres which he has improved in up-to-date fashion and on which he has two sets of buildings. It was on November 24, 1903, that Harry C. Shroyer was united in marriage to Nellie Phillips, also a member of a pioneer family in Liberty township, and to this union three children have been born, Kenneth, Virgil and John Arthur. Mr. and Mrs. Shroyer are members of the Methodist Epis-

copal church. Mrs. Shroyer is a daughter of William H. and Mahala Frances (Keesling) Phillips, the latter of whom was a daughter of Martin Keesling, one of the entrymen in Liberty township. The late William H. Phillips, who at the time of his death in the fall of 1917 had been for years the vice-president of the Delaware County National Bank of Muncie, as is set out elsewhere in this work, also was born in Liberty township, in the spring of 1840, a son of Henry and Susanna (Sweetman) Phillips, Virginians, who in 1836 came to Indiana and established their home on a woodland tract in section 7 of Liberty township, this county. After his marriage William H. Phillips established his home on a farm in section 5 of Liberty township and there developed a good piece of property, at the same time acquiring banking and other interests in the city of Muncie. He is survived by five children, Mrs. Shroyer having two sisters, Mrs. Leora Cecil and Mrs. Gertrude Dragoo, and two brothers, Edgar E. and Harry H. Phillips.

WHORTEN MEEKS, a progressive farmer and landowner of Liberty township, proprietor of a well improved farm on rural mail route No. 1 out of Parker, is a member of the pioneer Meeks family that has had worthy representation in this community since the late '30s of the past century. Mr. Meeks was born on a farm in Liberty township, February 15, 1877, and is a son of Jacob and Mary Ellen (Wright) Meeks, the latter of whom was born in Edgar county, Illinois. Jacob Meeks, who is now living in the Parker neighborhood over in Randolph county, where he has had his home for near forty years, is a Virginian by birth and was but a child when he came to Indiana with his parents, the family settling in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood in Liberty township, this county. There he grew to manhood and for some time after his marriage continued farming there, later moving over into Randolph county, where he has since resided, now living retired from the active labors of the farm. Of the eleven children born to Jacob and Mary Ellen (Wright) Meeks eight are still living, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Nona, Emma and Anna, and four brothers, Isaac, Josiah, Ira and Leslie Meeks. It was in the early '80s that Jacob Meeks moved with his family over into Randolph county and Whorten Meeks was thus but a boy when he became a resident of that county. He received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and continued farming in association with his father until he had attained his majority, when he began farming for himself on a rental basis. After his marriage he

made his home on a rented farm in Randolph county for three years, at the end of which time, in 1909, he bought the farm on which he is now living in Liberty township, this county, and has since resided here, during this period of residence having done much to improve and develop the place. Mr. Meeks has 120 acres, all but about twenty acres of which is tillable, and in addition to his general farming gives proper attention to the raising of live stock. Whorten Meeks married Mabel Morrow, daughter of Clayton and Sophronia Morrow, and has three children, Lawrence, Howard and Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. Meeks are Republicans and are members of the Parker Methodist Episcopal church.

CHARLES HAINES ANTHONY, who in his generation and for many years was recognized as one of the real leaders in local community development, one of the dominant factors in that amazing movement which thirty years and more ago brought about the practical reconstruction of the city of Muncie and which gave an impetus to all phases of human development hereabout, has been dead for some years, but the memory of his personality and of what he did for the community persists and will long do so. It therefore is deemed fitting that in this definite history of the county in which his lines were cast there should be carried some modest tribute to that memory. Mr. Anthony was a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the real pioneer families here, and though his business activities took him much away, he always was happy to regard this as his home, even as does his widow, who survives him and who though widely traveled still is happy to call Muncie home, for she, too, was born in this county, and is also of that sterling pioneer stock that has its roots so firmly planted here in the soil of Delaware county. Charles Haines Anthony was born at Muncie on May 10, 1858, and was a son of Capt. Edwin C. and Rebecca G. (Venneman) Anthony, the latter of whom was born at Centerville, in Wayne county, Indiana, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Campbell) Venneman, Pennsylvanians, who became residents of Centerville, where they were living when in 1849 Edwin C. Anthony and Rebecca G. Venneman were married. Capt. Edwin C. Anthony, an honored veteran of the Civil war and for many years in his generation one of the leading citizens of Muncie, was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 29, 1818, and was the son and only child of Dr. Samuel P. and Narcissa (Haines) Anthony, the latter of whom died at Muncie in 1858. Dr. Samuel P. Anthony, concerning whom numerous references are made elsewhere in this work, for he was one of the domi-



CHARLES HAINES ANTHONY

nant figures in the life of old Muncietown, back in pioneer days, was a Virginian, born at Lynchburg in the Old Dominion, December 2, 1792. As a young man he served as a teamster in the army of the War of 1812, and upon the conclusion of that second war for American independence located at Cincinnati, where he and his father became engaged in the tobacco brokerage business, the first factors in this line west of the Allegheny mountains, it is said. While thus engaged, Samuel P. Anthony became interested in the study of medicine and upon completing a course of professional study, moved up into Clinton county, Ohio, where he was engaged in practice for three years, at the end of which time he moved to Cedarville, in the neighboring county of Greene. Three years later, in common with many other Greene county people, he became attracted to the possibilities then opening up over here in Delaware county and in 1831, four years after the erection of this county, came over here and became a permanent resident of Muncietown, where the remainder of his life was spent, his death occurring here, as is set out elsewhere in this work, in 1876. It has been written of Doctor Anthony that "he seemed to possess a natural talent for making money." It was thus that his son, Edwin C. Anthony early was trained to assume a position of responsibility in the community, for his father was by long odds the largest property owner here. Edwin C. Anthony completed his schooling at Richmond, Ind., and was from the days of his young manhood interested in the development of the Anthony interests in and about Muncie. When the Civil war broke out he went to the front as captain of Company D, 41st Indiana Cavalry, but in 1862 was compelled to resign his commission by reason of a broken arm and the serious impairment of his health and return home. Following his father's death in 1876 he assumed control of the Anthony interests, which he extended by the development of extensive interests in Florida, and thus continued active in business until his death on June 7, 1884, at his winter home at Anthony. His widow resumed her former home at Muncie and survived him until in 1898. To Capt. Edwin C. and Rebecca G. (Venneman) Anthony were born six children, those besides the subject of this memorial sketch (the fifth in order of birth) having been Florence Virginia, who married Elijah Swain; Samuel P., the scene of whose later activities was in Florida; Ella, who married George Gamble, and died at the age of twenty-five years; Edwin C., Jr., who died at the age of twenty-eight years, and Adelia, who married Frank Robinson and made her home in Florida. Reared at Muncie, the late Charles H. Anthony supplemented the

schooling received in the local schools by a course in the military college at Chester, Pa., and in 1877, when his father became interested in Florida development projects he took an active part in these activities and in time developed there valuable fruit and phosphate interests. Following his marriage in 1886 he established his home at Muncie. This was about the time the new era of development dawned on Muncie in consequence of the opening of the natural gas field here and Mr. Anthony naturally became one of the most influential promoters of the new local interests thus developed. In his case these interests largely centered in real estate and in the promotion of the gas field and in the extension of the growing city's manufacturing interests. With clear vision he saw into the needs of the future and in 1887 erected that big brown stone business block at the northwest corner of Walnut and Jackson streets still known as the Anthony building and which thus for nearly forty years has stood as one of Muncie's chief commercial buildings. As president of the Economy Co-operative Gas Company, he did much for the proper utilization of natural gas as an economic industrial factor and as one of the promoters of the old Citizens Enterprise Company also did much in the way of bringing new factories into the town. Anthony Park (Congerville) is a continuing reminiscence of another phase of his activities. As an ardent horseman he also did much to promote the elevation of the standards of horseflesh hereabout. In other ways, Mr. Anthony impressed himself upon the community, and he continued active in business until his death on October 31, 1921. Mr. Anthony was a Republican and a Freemason and was also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Improved Order of Red Men. On February 10, 1886, Charles H. Anthony was united in marriage to Harriett Bell Mitchell and to this union was born one child, a son, Harvey Mitchell Anthony, a veteran of the World war, who is now a student in the medical college of Indiana University. Harvey Mitchell Anthony was born on February 19, 1890. He had his early schooling at Muncie and upon leaving high school entered Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, where he was in attendance during 1908-11, specializing in mathematics and languages. In 1911 he entered Harvard University, where he specialized in physics, chemistry, geology and astronomy, as well as philosophy, together with experimental work in radio-telegraphy, and was graduated from that institution in 1914. This course was supplemented by a course in electrical engineering at the Hawley Institute, Boston, from which he also was graduated, and by advanced courses in Columbia Univer-

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sity and the New York Electrical Institute. Upon the completion of the Muncie high school building in 1914 Mr. Anthony installed a department of electrical engineering in the school, this including radio-telegraphy, and was made head of the same. In 1916 he was made director of vocational education of the Muncie high school and upon the country's call to arms in the spring of 1917 for participation in the World war, he organized an army signal corps and conducted classes in that behalf in radio-telegraphy at Muncie. He presently was called to train classes at the Great Lakes naval training station, Chicago, and from there was transferred to Washington to reorganize the radio training system in the aviation section of the navy and thus served until the close of the war, with the title of director. Upon the completion of his military service, Mr. Anthony returned to Muncie and resumed his school work and continued thus engaged until he presently resigned to take up medical studies and now is a student in medical college of Indiana University. He married Ruth Leffler. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Charles H. Anthony has continued to make her home at Muncie, though much of her time has been spent in traveling, her home being at 210 East Adams street. It perhaps may not be regarded as out of place to recall that in 1913 Mrs. Anthony created a bit of a social sensation in New York and the East by the striking character of the gorgeous gowns she wore and by having the heels of her slippers set with diamonds, the newspapers over the country giving her much space and referring to her as the "arbiter of fashions," "Muncie's creator of American fashions," "social sensation of the East," and the like. In referring to her home at Muncie, Mrs. Anthony told one of the numerous interviewers who sought stories from her in those days of unexpected fame, "I always like to return to it, for in spite of my liking for the brilliant corners of the earth, Muncie is my home town and many old friends are here." In passing, it is but proper to say that this is a very common feeling among Muncie people, the continued attachment to the old home town being expressed by all who perchance wander away. Mrs. Anthony is a daughter of the late Dr. Harvey and Catherine (Ash) Mitchell, who became residents of Muncie in 1864, and the latter of whom was born in Greene county, Ohio, May 30, 1837, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Driscoll) Ash, who later moved with their family over here into Delaware county and established their home in the Granville settlement along the Mississinewa. The late Dr. Harvey Mitchell was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1826, and

was a son of Thomas and Sarah (Shideler) Mitchell, both of whom were born in that same county, the former in 1801 and the latter, in 1802, who were married in 1822, and who in 1830 settled in Miami county, Ohio, where Thomas Mitchell died in 1861. His widow survived him for eighteen years, her death occurring at the home of a daughter in California in 1879. They were the parents of six children, of whom Doctor Mitchell was the second in order of birth. At the age of seventeen years, Harvey Mitchell entered upon his medical studies. In 1850 he was graduated from the old Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, and in that same year became engaged in the practice of medicine at Granville, in this county. On October 9, 1853, at that place, he married Catherine Ash. Doctor Mitchell continued to make his home at Granville until in 1864, when he moved to Muncie, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1909. Ten years before that time, by reason of a serious injury received in a fall, by which he suffered a broken hip, he had been compelled to retire from the active practice of his profession. Doctor Mitchell was successful in business and was for years one of Muncie's most active promoters of "down town" real estate, the monumental Mitchell block at the southwest corner of Walnut and Adams streets, being one of the most conspicuous of the continuing evidences of the substantial character of his investments. To Doctor and Mrs. Mitchell were born two daughters, Mrs. Anthony having had an elder sister, Sarah Florence, who died in 1866, at the age of eleven years.

SUMNER B. DENNEY, proprietor and operator of a motor bus line at Muncie, was born in the city of Portland, the county seat of the neighboring county of Jay, April 25, 1882, and is a son of Daniel Wilson and Hannah (Jones) Denney, both of whom were born in that same county, the latter on a farm southwest of Portland, a daughter of Ebenezer Jones. The late Daniel Wilson Denney was a son of Edward Denney, a member of one of the pioneer families of Jay county. He grew up in that county and after his marriage became a farmer, the owner of a forty-acre farm four and a half miles southeast of Pennville, where he died in 1902. To him and his wife were born six sons, the subject of this sketch (the third in order of birth) having five brothers, William Henry, Charles Ebenezer, John Francis, Ira Everett and Edward Nicholas Denney. Mrs. Hannah Denney is now living at Muncie, where she has made her home for some years, residing at 2000 West Twelfth street. Reared on the home farm in Jay county, Sumner B. Denney received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He was twenty years of age when his

father died and he continued farm work until in 1913, when he came to Muncie and here became engaged in teaming. He also for some time took an active part in local horse-racing activities. He later became engaged as a salesman for the Baldwin Piano Company and after two years of such employment became engaged in the piano business on his own account, distributor for the French & Son piano at Newcastle. In 1918 Mr. Denney bought a motor bus and started in business at Muncie, the initial route of his now well established bus line being the Normal City route. He found this venture to be successful and has since been carrying on along this line, now having no fewer than six well equipped busses in service, his line covering the better part of the city. Mr. Denney is a Republican and is affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men and the auxiliary bodies, the Hay Loft and the Degree of Pocahontas, and with the Loyal Order of Moose and the Moose Legion. On December 25, 1905, Sumner B. Denney was united in marriage to Sarah Leora Lambert, who was born in the neighboring county of Blackford, daughter of Josias and Lucy (Tharp) Lambert, and to this union four children have been born, Harold Oscar, Hilbert Ernest, Margaret Irena and Sumner Lowell. The Denneys reside at 1408 West Eleventh street. Mrs. Denney is a member of the Avondale Methodist Episcopal church.

FRANK R. BRAMMER, a conductor for the Union Traction Company and proprietor of a tailoring and dry-cleaning establishment at Muncie, was born on a farm in Delaware township, six miles north and east of Muncie, July 31, 1880, and is a son of Henly and Margaret (Black) Brammer, the latter of whom was born in that same township, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Fishburn) Black, the former of whom was proprietor of what was widely known as "Black's Mills" there along the Mississinewa. Henly Brammer also was born in Delaware township, in 1841, and was a son of Edmund and Nancy (Hatfield) Brammer, who had come here from Ohio in 1836. Edmund Brammer was born in Patrick county, Virginia, in 1801, a son of Edmund and Mary (Lee) Brammer, the latter of whom was an aunt of General Robert E. Lee. Upon coming to Delaware county the Brammers made their home on a farm in Delaware township, where Edmund Brammer died in 1889. His wife died in 1872. They were the parents of ten children. After his marriage Henly Brammer established himself as a farmer in Delaware township and there spent the remainder of his life. He was twice married and was the father of twelve children, two by his first wife, Selina Black, daughter of William Black, and ten by his second wife,

Margaret Black, a cousin of the first wife. Frank R. Brammer, fourth in order of birth of these children, became employed in the machine shop of the Bauer Window Glass Company at Eaton upon leaving school and was thus engaged until in 1902, when he took employment with the Union Traction Company as a conductor, and has ever since been thus employed, a period of more than twenty years, his present run being as conductor of the "Meteor". In 1910 Mr. Brammer began business as a salesman for traction employes' uniforms and has since gradually developed the tailoring business he now is carrying on at 111 East Seymour street. In May, 1922, he erected his present dry-cleaning and pressing establishment at 808 South Walnut street and has since been carrying on both establishments, at the same time continuing his run on the traction line. Mr. Brammer is a Scottish Rite Mason and he and his family are members of the First Baptist church. On September 3, 1902, Frank R. Brammer was united in marriage to Evelyn Baird, who was born in Hartford City, Ind., daughter of Jasper and Sarah Baird, and to this union two daughters have been born, Girladene and Charlene. The Brammers reside at 1000 North Elm street.

HOWARD CECIL, one of Liberty township's progressive farmers, living on the old Cecil home place on rural mail route No. 2 out of Selma, was born on that place and has lived there all his life. Mr. Cecil was born on October 6, 1888, and is a son of Arthur S. and Cora (Bortsfield) Cecil, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families there, and who are now living at Orlando, Fla. Arthur S. Cecil was born on the farm on which his son Howard is now living, a son of John S. and Rachel (Legg) Cecil, the former of whom was a son of the pioneer Aaron Cecil, who came over here into the New Purchase from Ohio in 1831 and entered a tract of land in section 32 of Liberty township, this county, where he established his home, one of the substantial pioneers of the eastern part of this county. Aaron Cecil was a native of Virginia and his wife, Anna Springer, was a native of Kentucky. They reared a family of eight children and as all these married and had families of their own the Cecil connection of this line in the present generation is a no inconsiderable one. The Leggs of this line came into Indiana in 1818 and settled in Wayne county. Arthur S. Cecil grew up on the home farm in Liberty township and for some years during the days of his young manhood was a teacher in the neighborhood schools. He followed farming, establishing his home on the home place after his marriage, and there continued to reside until his retirement in 1913

and removal to Orlando, Fla., where he and his wife are now living. They have six children, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Jessie Mabel, Dorothy and Emily, and two brothers, Clarence and Hugh Cecil. Reared on the home farm in Liberty township, the place on which he is now living, Howard Cecil was graduated from the Muncie high school in 1906. He then entered DePauw University and after two years of study there entered Purdue University, from which institution he was graduated in 1912. Upon completing his college work Mr. Cecil returned to the home farm and upon his father's retirement in the next year took charge of affairs there and has since been operating the place, now farming 320 acres in up-to-date fashion. In addition to his general farming Mr. Cecil feeds out about seventy-five head of cattle and 300 hogs a year, feeding all the corn he raises. Last year he had 150 acres in corn. Mr. Cecil is a Republican and a Freemason, his affiliation with the Masons being with Muncie lodge. Howard Cecil married Margaret Wertz, daughter of W. S. Wertz, and has two children, Rebecca Ann and Eleanor Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church at Muncie.

CHARLES A. BARLEY, a substantial farmer and landowner of Perry township, residing on the Barley pike, rural mail route No. 6 out of Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and has lived in this county all his life. Mr. Barley was born on a farm in Niles township on February 19, 1867, and is a son of Samuel and Angelinah (Haines) Barley, both of whom were born in Virginia, the former in the vicinity of Winchester and the latter, in the Stanton vicinity. Samuel Barley was a son of Peter Barley, a native of Germany, who upon coming to this country had located at Winchester, Va. Two of his brothers came to America about the same time and settled in Pennsylvania. Samuel Barley was about ten years of age when his father died and he later accompanied his mother and brother and sister to Ohio, the family settling in Greene county, where Mrs. Barley's last days were spent. Samuel Barley and his brother John and sister Mary came to Delaware county in settlement days and located in Niles township. Samuel Barley's first farm in Niles township was a tract of forty acres of woodland which he cleared and improved and to which he added until he became the owner of 236 acres, and there he spent his last days. To him and his wife were born six children, three daughters, Sarah Jane, Estaline I. and Emma E., and three sons, David A., Kindrex S. and the subject of this sketch. Charles A. Barley grew to

manhood on the home farm in Niles township. He completed his schooling in the Eaton schools and early began farming. After his marriage he established his home on that part of the home farm which came to him by inheritance, a tract of 120 acres. On that place Mr. Barley continued to make his home until in the spring of 1917, when he disposed of his interests in Niles township and bought the place on the Barley pike on which he is now living, in Perry township, and here has since resided, proprietor of a well improved farm of 157 acres. Mr. Barley is a member of Whitney lodge, No. 229, Free and Accepted Masons, at New Burlington. On December 24, 1891, Charles A. Barley was united in marriage to Martha L. McDonald and to this union two daughters have been born, Ruth Angelinah and Helen Malinda, the latter of whom is still in school, member of the class of 1925, Perry township high school. Ruth A. Barley is a teacher in the public schools at Frankfort, Ind. Mrs. Barley was born in Niles township and is a daughter of Sam May and Malinda (Black) McDonald, the latter of whom was born in Niles township, a member of one of the pioneer families of this county. Sam May McDonald, who in his generation was one of the best known teachers in this county, was an Ohioan who came over here in the days of his young manhood and became employed as a teacher in the schools of this county, a profession he followed for sixteen years, meantime carrying on farming operations, and later became a salesman. Beginning in 1872 he served for some time as trustee of Niles township and in the early '80s served another term in that office. In addition to his regular work in the school room, he also for some time conducted a night school for community convenience in Niles township, this being one of the first such schools carried on in this county. Sam May McDonald also was a poet of parts, among his poems which were well received here being "A Tribute to the Union Soldier," "The Hoosier" and "The Haunted House." He died in 1920.

IRVIN V. THORNBURG, trustee of Perry township and a substantial farmer and landowner of that township, residing on rural mail route No. 2 out of Selma, is a native son of Delaware county, born in Perry township, and has lived here all his life. Mr. Thornburg was born on April 19, 1864, and is a son of Joseph H. and Paulina (Swearingen) Thornburg, the latter of whom was born in Virginia and was but a child when she came to Indiana with her parents, the family settling in this county. She died when her son Irvin was but a child, leaving also another child, a daughter, Mrs. Emma Yockey, of Muncie. Joseph H. Thornburg was four times

married and was the father of eleven children, those besides the two above mentioned being Francis M., William A., Elnora, Sarah, Charles O., Jane, Bert, Ora and Myrtle. Joseph H. Thornburg was born in Clinton county, Ohio, in 1831, and was a son of Alexander and Malinda (Huskins) Thornburg, the former also a native of Ohio and the latter, of North Carolina. Alexander Thornburg was twice married and was the father of seven children. He came to Delaware county in 1837 and entered a tract of land in section 13 of Perry township, where he established his home and spent the remainder of his life, coming to be the owner of more than 300 acres of farm land. He died in 1883 and was buried in Union cemetery. Joseph H. Thornburg was but six years of age when his father settled in Perry township and there he grew to manhood and in turn became a farmer on his own account, his father giving him a "forty" of timber land on which he made his home. As he developed this he added to his holdings until he became the owner of a good farm of 360 acres, and there he spent his last days, his death occurring in 1907. Reared on the home farm in Perry township, Irvin V. Thornburg received his schooling in the Center school (district No. 9) and after his marriage began farming on his own account, presently buying 100 acres of the place on which he is now living, and there established his home. As his affairs prospered Mr. Thornburg has added to this initial investment until now he has a well improved farm of 479 acres, which is being operated by his sons, Harold and Joseph, who give considerable attention to live stock, feeding out five or six carloads of hogs a year. Mr. Thornburg is a Republican and is now rendering public service as trustee of Perry township, his term of office dating from January 1, 1922. For fourteen years he served as road supervisor in his district and during that time did much for the better roads cause. He and his wife are members of the Philadelphia Christian church and Mrs. Thornburg has been treasurer of the Ladies Aid Society of that congregation for nearly twenty years. To Mr. and Mrs. Thornburg five children have been born, namely: Harold Gordon, who married Lona Patty and has one child, a daughter, Helen; Clay, who died in infancy; Joseph, who married Hildreth Farlow and has a daughter, Louise; Thelma, who died at the age of seven years, and Trenton, who died at the age of ten. Mrs. Thornburg was born in Randolph county (Emma Leeka) and is a daughter of Christian and Sidney (Snodgrass) Leeka, the latter of whom was born in that same county, a member of one of the pioneer families there. Christian Leeka was born in Ohio and was but a child when he came to Indiana

with his parents, the family settling in Randolph county where, after his marriage, he established his home and spent the remainder of his life, becoming a well-to-do farmer. To him and his wife were born six children, Mrs. Thornburg having two sisters, Sophronia and Elizabeth, and three brothers, Hamilton, Harvey and Arthur Leeka.

GEORGE T. S. HELM, a substantial farmer and landowner of Perry township, residing on rural mail route No. 1 out of Selma, was born on the farm on which he is now living in section 19 of Perry township, October 19, 1865, and is a son of Peter A. and Elizabeth A. (Clevenger) Helm, the latter of whom was born in Nettle Creek township in the neighboring county of Randolph, a daughter of William and Mary Jane (Smithson) Clevenger, members of pioneer families in that county. William Clevenger was born in Ohio and was a son of John and Nancy Clevenger, early settlers in Randolph county. Mary Jane Smithson was born in this latter county, a daughter of George W. and Elizabeth (Thornburg) Smithson, who were among the real pioneers of that county. Peter A. Helm, a veteran of the Civil war and a former member of the board of county commissioners for Delaware county, was born in Perry township, on a pioneer farm in section 2 of that township, October 27, 1838, and was a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Slick) Helm, who had come to Indiana from Pennsylvania and after a residence of two or three years in Wayne county had moved to Delaware county in 1836 and had established their home in Perry township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Jacob Helm became the owner of about 300 acres of land and lived to be seventy-one years of age. He and his wife had twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, so that the Helm connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one. The late Peter A. Helm was the sixth son and seventh child born to this parentage. He grew up on the home farm in Perry township and was living there when the Civil war broke out. In the first year of that war he enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and went out with Company K of the 36th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which was mustered in on September 16, 1861, and with this command he served until mustered out at the end of his three years term of service, September 21, 1864. In the following December (1864) he married and settled down to farming, a vocation which he followed quite successfully the remainder of his life, coming to be the owner of more than 300 acres of land in Perry township. He died in 1917. Mr. Helm was a Republican and rendered public service in several different capacities. In the early '80s he served for some time as trustee of his home

township, during the '90s served as township assessor and for two terms (1903-7) served as a member of the board of county commissioners for Delaware county. He was a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Windsor, an Odd Fellow and a Red Man and he and his wife were members of the Christian church. They had seven children, of whom five grew to maturity, the subject of this sketch and his four sisters, Mary Gilley Leora, Carrie Luella Josephine, Indiana Odie Blanche and Rebecca Jane Alverine. Reared on the home farm in Perry township, George T. S. Helm, better known among his friends as "Shad" Helm, received his schooling in the local schools and from the days of his boyhood was helpful in the labors of the farm. He married when twenty years of age and then began farming on his own account, making his home on a neighboring "forty" he had bought and there resided until after the death of his father, when he moved onto the old home farm, where he was born and where he since has resided. Mr. Helm has done well in his farming operations and is now the owner of a well improved place of 480 acres, 360 of which he is farming. He formerly had more than this but 135 acres of his holdings he disposed of as gifts to his children. Mr. Helm gives considerable attention to the raising of hogs and feeds out around 300 head annually. In addition to his holdings here he owns a small tract of land in Manistee county, Florida, on which he has an orange grove and ten acres of which he devotes to celery culture, and for the past twelve years he and his wife have spent their winters there. Mr. and Mrs. Helm are members of the Philadelphia Christian church, the congregation of which Mr. Helm has served as a member of the board of trustees, and he also is a member of the Odd Fellow and Red Men lodges at Windsor. He and his family are Republicans and he has served as a member of the township advisory board. It was on November 21, 1885, that George T. S. Helm was united in marriage to Ella May Swingley, who had grown up in his home neighborhood, and to this union four daughters were born, all of whom are living save Neva, the others being Elizabeth Arvilla, Edith Blanche and Margaret Alice Marie, all of whom married. Elizabeth A. Helm married Pearl Meeks and has two children, Thelma and Martin. Edith B. Helm has been twice married and twice left a widow, her first husband having been Arnett Fletcher and her second, Findley Masterson. By her first marriage she has one child, a daughter, Elizabeth, and by her second, two sons, George and John Masterson. Margaret Helm married Clay Jordan and has one child, a son, William Sheridan Jordan. Mrs. Ella May Helm was born in the neighboring county of Randolph and

was but a child when she came to Delaware county with her parents, Caleb and Mary (Thompson) Swingley, the latter of whom is still living, now making her home in Muncie. The late Caleb Swingley was an Ohioan by birth. As a young man he came to Indiana and became a resident of Randolph county, where he lived some years after his marriage. He then moved with his family over into Delaware county and settled on a farm in section 35 of Perry township, where he spent the remainder of his life. Of the ten children born to him and his wife eight are still living, Mrs. Helm having three sisters, Florence, Minnie and India, and four brothers, William, Elmer, Albert and Hugh Swingley.

JOSEPH W. WATT, a substantial farmer and landowner of Liberty township, residing on the Smithfield pike, rural mail route No. 5 out of Muncie, was born on the farm on which he is now living, in the Mt. Tabor neighborhood, August 1, 1865, and is a son of John C. and Sarah J. (Williams) Watt, the latter of whom was born in that same township, a member of one of the real pioneer families of this county, and is still living with her children. The late John C. Watt, who died in 1916, was born in Champaign county, Ohio, and was twelve years of age when he came to Delaware county with his parents, Joseph H. and Emily Watt, the family settling in Center township, where the mother spent her last days. The last days of Joseph H. Watt were spent in the village of Albany. John C. Watt grew to manhood on the home farm in Center township and as a young man bought a farm in the Mt. Tabor neighborhood in Liberty township, the place on which his son Joseph is now living, and two years later married and established his home there. His original purchase there was of a tract of 135 acres and he added to this until he became the owner of 255 acres. To him and his wife were born four children, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Luella J., Mary V. and Frances E. Reared on the home farm in Liberty township, Joseph W. Watt received his schooling in the Mt. Tabor school and from the days of his boyhood was helpful in the labors of developing the home farm. As the only son of the family he gradually succeeded his father in the management of the farm and after his marriage continued to make his home there, operating the farm on a rental basis, and was thus engaged for thirty years, or until after the death of his father when he bought the interests of the other heirs and has since been occupying the farm as proprietor, owner of a well improved place of 255 acres. Joseph W. Watt married Stella A. Cunningham, daughter of Benjamin G. and Clara Cun-

ningham, members of pioneer families in this county, and to this union were born three children, Lloyd, who died at the age of nine years; Homer, who is farming in association with his father, and Mary, who is a member of the 1927 class of the Selma high school. Mr. and Mrs. Watt are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Selma and Mr. Watt is one of the class leaders of the congregation and a member of the board of trustees. Mrs. Watt is a member of the congregation's official board and president of the missionary society of the church, as well as a teacher in the Sunday school. She is the treasurer of the Liberty township local of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and is county superintendent of the anti-narcotic department of that organization. Mrs. Watt was born in Perry township, where her mother, who was born in Monroe township, is still living. Her father, Benjamin G. Cunningham, was born in Perry township, where all his life was spent, a substantial farmer. Of the five children born to Benjamin G. Cunningham and wife three are still living, Mrs. Watt having two sisters, Nellie and Isca. Benjamin Cunningham's widow married William Phillips and to this latter union were born two children, Susie and Martha.

WILLIAM LAFAYETTE GILMORE, a substantial farmer and landowner of Perry township, residing on the New Burlington pike, rural mail route No. 2 out of Selma, was born in that township, April 20, 1862, and is a son of Thomas E. and Rebecca (Thornburg) Gilmore, the latter of whom was born in that same township, a member of the pioneer Thornburg family, early settlers in that part of the county. Thomas E. Gilmore was born in Ohio and came to this county when eighteen years of age. For some time after his marriage he made his home in Perry township and then moved to Randolph county, where he was engaged in farming for about twenty years, at the end of which time he disposed of his interests there and with his family moved to Dallas county, Iowa, where he bought a farm and where he spent the remainder of his life. To him and his wife were born eleven children, of whom ten grew to maturity. Of these the subject of this sketch is the only one residing in Delaware county. William Lafayette Gilmore, more familiarly known to his friends as "Lafe," was but a child when his parents moved over into Randolph county and he grew up on the farm there, receiving his schooling in the schools of that county. He went with the family to Iowa and there, not long afterward, attained his majority, after which he returned to Delaware county and here began farming in association with his uncle and was thus engaged until his marriage five years

later, when he established his home on a farm he meanwhile had bought over in Randolph county. Not long afterward, however, he disposed of his interests there and returned to Perry township, renting the farm on which he is now living, a part of the Cunningham estate, where his wife was born. Two years later Mr. Gilmore bought this farm, a well improved place of 215 acres, and has since resided here, engaged in general farming. Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore are Republicans and are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Burlington, Mr. Gilmore being a member of the board of trustees of that congregation. Mrs. Gilmore formerly was superintendent of the Sunday school of that congregation, also served for some time as president of the Epworth League and was for many years the president of the Ladies' Aid Society. It was on August 6, 1889, that William Lafayette Gilmore was united in marriage to Bertha L. Cunningham, and to this union were born two daughters, Mabel Catherine, who died in her sixteenth year, and Juanita Rebecca, the latter of whom married Ralph H. Keesling and has two sons, Paul Eugene and Dale Gilmore Keesling. As noted above, Mrs. Bertha L. Gilmore was born on the farm on which she is now living. She is a daughter of Alexander B. and Martha Catherine (Hoopman) Cunningham, the latter of whom was born in Maryland, a daughter of the Rev. John and Eliza (Redman) Hoopman. The late Alexander B. Cunningham, who in his generation was one of the most substantial and progressive farmers and stockmen of Delaware county, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, in 1825, and was a son of Samuel and Julia (Boyd) Cunningham, both also natives of that state and the former of whom, a soldier of the War of 1812, was a son of a soldier of the Revolution. Samuel Cunningham became a resident of Delaware county in 1845 and here died a few years later at the age of seventy-one years. To him and his wife were born ten children and the continuing connection of this family in the present generation is a considerable one. Alexander B. Cunningham was about twenty-four years of age when he came to this county. He had been trained as a carpenter and for some time after coming here followed that trade and also for some time was engaged as a cabinet maker at Smithfield. He then became engaged in railroad work and was thus engaged for four years, at the end of which time he became engaged in mercantile business. Two years later he bought a considerable tract of land in this county and settled down to the development work which in time gave him one of the largest and best improved farms in Delaware county, and here he spent his last days,

his death occurring in 1907. To Alexander B. Cunningham and wife were born three children, Mrs. Gilmore having had a sister, Eldora, who died in 1888, and a brother, Frank H. Cunningham.

SCHUYLER C. CURRENT, a veteran railway mail clerk traveling out of Selma and formerly and for many years a teacher in the schools of Delaware county, has been a resident of this county since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Current was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Randolph on December 15, 1867, and is a son of John Wesley and Margaret (Norris) Current, the latter of whom was born in that section of Virginia which since the days of the Civil war has been comprised in West Virginia and was but a child when she came to Indiana with her parents, the Norris family settling in Jay county. The late John Wesley Current was born in Jay county, a son of George Washington Current, who was born in Virginia and who came to Indiana with his father, James Current, in 1836, the year in which Jay county was erected as a separate civic entity, and the Currents have ever since been prominently represented in this section of the state. John Wesley Current grew to manhood in Jay county and was there married. Shortly afterward he moved to a farm in Randolph county and in 1871 disposed of his interests there and came over into Delaware county and bought a farm of 120 acres in section 36 of Liberty township, of which he later sold a "forty," established his home on that place and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on March 3, 1921. His widow survived him less than two years, her death occurring on August 8, 1922. John W. Current was for some years during the middle '80s the trustee of Liberty township. To him and his wife were born four children, two of whom survive, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Anna E. Another sister, Olive, and a brother, William W. Current, are deceased. Schuyler C. Current was but three years of age when his parents moved from Randolph county into Delaware county and he grew to manhood on the home farm in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood in the northeast corner of Liberty township. He early became a school teacher, beginning at the age of seventeen, in 1885, teaching in the district schools during the winters, and was for seventeen years thus engaged, fifteen years of this time being spent in teaching in the schools of Delaware county, meantime supplementing his local schooling by taking the teacher's course in Marion Normal College. He also for a short time attended DePauw University. In 1902 Mr. Current gave up work in the school room and entered the railway mail service, running on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis road (the

Big Four), and has ever since been thus engaged, a period of more than twenty years, thus making him one of the veterans of the service on this division. He makes his home at Selma, where he has resided for many years. Mr. Current is a Republican and a Freemason and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He formerly was superintendent of the Sunday school of that congregation. Schuyler C. Current has been twice married. His first wife, Alice Hoover, who was born in this county, daughter of Adam B. and Miriam (Schooley) Hoover, died in May, 1908. To that union were born two children, a daughter, Maude, wife of Harry P. Lesh, now living at Clarksville, Tex., and a son, Hugh A. Current, who married Hazel Spaulding and is now living at Muncie. Mr. Current's present wife, Clara Brown, was born in Ohio and is a daughter of Robert and Anna Brown.

WILLIAM CHARLES BALL, one of the members of the Ball Brothers Company of Muncie, who died in the spring of 1921, had for a quarter of a century been a diligent and very energetic factor in the development of Muncie's industrial interests, an inspiring unit in that notable union of brothers whose activities in the glass industry have carried far the name of Ball and the fame of a Muncie product, as is set out elsewhere in this work, together with much interesting detail regarding the Ball family and the development of the Ball interests. The late William Charles Ball was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, August 13, 1852, and was fifteen years old when his parents moved with their family to Canandaigua, N. Y., where he received his schooling in the public schools and the Canandaigua Academy and began his commercial career. They were five Ball brothers and they have held together in all their commercial and industrial enterprises. After their father's death they located at Buffalo, where they became engaged in the manufacture of sheet metal specialties, to which industry they added the manufacture of glass. It was the development of this latter department of their industry which later brought them to Muncie. When the value of natural gas became apparent in the late '80s Ball Brothers were attracted to the possibilities of this important fuel for glass making and in 1887 they located a glass plant in Muncie which through the years since then has been developed into the greatest manufactory of glass jars in the world. While the interests of Ball Brothers were gradually being withdrawn from Buffalo and established at Muncie, William C. Ball remained in Buffalo to close out the affairs of the Company there, and in 1897 he moved with his family to Muncie to take his part in the local operation with

whose interests he had been identified from its inception. And here he spent the remainder of his life, a valued factor in the promotion of the best phases of communal civic development, his death occurring, after a brief illness, on April 30, 1921, and at his passing Muncie lost a highly esteemed citizen and he left a good memory and a host of friends. Mr. Ball is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emma Wood Ball, and by his son, William H. Ball, both of whom are still living here, the former continuing to make her home on beautiful Minnetrista boulevard. William H. Ball, a veteran of the World war, is connected with the operations of the Ball Brothers Company, as is set out elsewhere. William C. Ball was secretary of Ball Brothers Company and was a director of the Muncie and Portland Traction Company, the Indianapolis, New Castle & Eastern Traction Company, the Merchants National Bank and Hillsdale College. He was a past eminent commander, Knights Templar, a 32d degree (Scottish Rite) Mason, a member of the Universalist church and superintendent of the Sunday school.

JOHN FOORMAN, a retired grocer of Eaton, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Indiana and of Delaware county for many years. Mr. Foorman was born on a farm seven miles west of Springfield, in Clark county, Ohio, in 1846, and is a son of Frederick and Sarah (Newcomber) Foorman, the latter of whom was born in York county, Pennsylvania. Frederick Foorman was born in the western part of Maryland and early settled in Clark county, Ohio. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, a daughter, Mary Alice, and eight sons, those besides the subject of this sketch being Noah, David, William, Adam, Amos, Henry and Eli. The three elder of these sons, Noah, David and William Foorman, who became residents of Delaware county, served as soldiers of the Union during the Civil war and David Foorman died as the result of wounds received in battle. Adam Foorman also became a resident of this county. Noah Foorman lived here for some years and then moved to Illinois. John Foorman early became a railroader and was thus engaged for some years, at the end of which time he became engaged in the grocery and retail meat business at Eaton and was thus engaged until his retirement in 1915, since which time he has been "taking things easy," he and his wife continuing to make their home at Eaton, where they have resided for many years. Mrs. Foorman (Leah Reynolds) is a daughter of Joseph and Hannah Reynolds and a member of the pioneer Reynolds family in this county. Mr. Foorman is a Freemason of many years standing.

WILLIAM CLARKE SWANDER, a substantial farmer and landowner of Liberty township, now living retired at Selma, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here all his life. Mr. Swander was born on a pioneer farm in Delaware township on August 5, 1859, and is a son of George and Effie (Brook) Swander, the latter of whom was born in Ohio. George Swander, a Pennsylvanian by birth, became a resident of Ohio during the days of his young manhood and in Fairfield county, that state, married Effie Brook. Not long afterward, in 1859, he came over into Indiana and bought a tract of 100 acres of land in Delaware township, this county, where he established his home and spent the remainder of his life. To him and his wife were born twelve children, nine of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having six sisters, Josephine, Emma, Louise, Clara, Lillie and Margaret, and two brothers, H. B. and Henry Swander. The deceased members of this family are Oscar, Matilda and Mary Belle. Reared on the home farm in Delaware township, William Clarke Swander received his schooling in the old Hickory Grove school and remained on the home farm until his marriage when he rented a farm in Liberty township. There he made his home for five years, at the end of which time he returned to Delaware township and bought a farm of eighty acres on the county line two miles east of the old home place. There he lived for some years and then sold that eighty and returned to Liberty township, where he bought a tract of forty-eight acres and was living there when the oil "boom" came on. Mr. Swander's land was advantageously situated with respect to the local oil field and until that pool was worked out he had no fewer than twelve producing wells on his place. Part of the profits of this operation in oil were put into land until he came to be the owner of 240 acres in Liberty township, which he still owns and on which he was engaged in farming until his retirement in 1919 and removal to Selma, where he is now living. Mr. Swander is a Republican and has rendered public service as a member of the township advisory board. He and his family are members of the Selma Methodist Episcopal church and he has served as class leader, steward and superintendent of the Sunday school of that congregation, still keeping up a class in the Sunday school. Mr. Swander has been twice married. His first wife, Eliza A. Hirons, died in 1890. She was the mother of four children, Earl A., Nina M., Mark, who died in infancy, and Chester B. By his second wife, Edith E. Orr, a member of the pioneer Orr family of this county, Mr. Swander has two sons, Fred D. and Kenneth D. Swander. All these children are

married and have children of their own, Mr. Swander thus having sixteen grandchildren. Earl A. Swander, a former school teacher, married Myrtle Cowgill and has three children, Mildred, Edith and Francis Earl. Nina M. Swander married Firman Pittenger and has six children, Ethelyn, Virginia, Irene, Joseph, Carroll and Mary Alice. Carl, another of her children, died in January, 1924. Chester B. Swander, who was graduated in chemistry from Purdue University and is now a steel tester on the chemical staff of the Wagoner Company at St. Louis, married Elsie Steindorf and has had two children, John and William C., the last named of whom died in September, 1923. Fred D. Swander married Ruth Bullock and has two children, Wesley D. and June Ellen, and Kenneth D. Swander married Fay Meyers and has two children, Sarah K. and Kenneth, Jr.

FREDERICK JOHN LESH, president and general manager of the Hoosier Clutch Company of Muncie, manufacturers of friction clutches for automotive machinery, is a native Hoosier and has been identified with the industrial interests of Muncie for nearly a quarter of a century. Mr. Lesh was born at Madison, Ind., February 16, 1878, and is a son of Peter and Barbara (Schneider) Lesh, the latter of whom also was born in Indiana, of German descent, and is still living. The late Peter Lesh was born in Kentucky, also of German descent, and from the days of his boyhood had been interested in the woodworking industries, becoming a manufacturer of vehicle spokes at Madison, where for some time after his marriage he made his home, later engaging in business at Union City, Tenn., whence presently he moved to Louisville, Ky., then back to Union City, then to Fulton, Ky., and later at Jackson and Memphis, Tenn. To him and his wife were born three children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Edna, and a brother, Henry Hernando Lesh. Frederick John Lesh completed his public schooling at Jackson, Tenn., and then took a year of instruction in a business college, specializing in stenography and book keeping and general industrial office detail. In 1899, he then being twenty-one years of age, Mr. Lesh was made assistant secretary of the Weis & Lesh Manufacturing Company, with headquarters at Muncie, and has ever since made his home in that city. For seventeen years he continued thus engaged, or until in 1916, when he promoted the organization of the Hoosier Clutch Company to take over the affairs of the old B. T. K. Gear and Engine Company of Muncie and was made president of the company, a position he since has occupied, general manager of the company's growing interests. This concern, which has a well equipped manufacturing plant in South

Elliott street, is thus one of the oldest continuing industrial concerns in Muncie, having been organized about twenty years ago by Hugh Warner, the inventor and patentee of the first practical automobile differentials. Since taking over the old engine works the Hoosier Clutch Company has confined its operations exclusively to the manufacture of friction clutches for automotive machinery and when operating at maximum capacity employs about 200 persons. Clarence G. Wood, concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work, is vice president and secretary of the company. Mr. Lesh is vice president of the Delaware Country Club and is also a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the Rotary Club. He is a 32d degree (Scottish Rite) and Knight Templar Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1908 Frederick John Lesh was united in marriage to Ethel Louise Busch and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Frances Barbara.

IRVIN B. ALLEN, proprietor of a sheet metal shop and dealer in furnaces at Muncie and one of the veterans in that line in this part of the state, was born at South Bend, Ind., March 17, 1867, and is a son of William and Cynthia (Warner) Allen, the former of whom, a fresco artist, was a native of New York state. Upon finishing his school days Irvin B. Allen started on an apprenticeship to the tinner's trade at Bristol, in Elkhart county, and worked there for two years, at the end of which time he went West and at different places in Kansas was engaged working at that trade, also for some time working on the construction of the Missouri Pacific railroad, and remained West until he was about twenty-five years of age, when he returned to Indiana and in 1892 located at Eaton, in this county, where he began working for Younts & Mansfield. That was in the days of the gas "boom" hereabout and work was plentiful. In the next year he went to Hartford City, but after a short stay there returned to Eaton and put in a shop of his own. Not long afterward, however, he disposed of that place and went to Montpelier, thence back to Hartford City and from there to Marion, and then in 1900 went to Milroy, down in Rush county. Mr. Allen remained at Milroy until in 1914 when he disposed of his interests there and returned to Delaware county, locating at Muncie, and became engaged working on public buildings throughout this part of the state, doing the sheet metal work and installing heating plants. In 1917 he established a shop of his own at Muncie and has since then been in business here, his first shop having

been at 425 East Main street. In September, 1922, he sold that shop and moved to his present quarters at 1109 East Main street, where he is now operating and where he is well equipped for all local demands in his line, with particular reference to roofing and furnace installations. Mr. Allen married Maude Blair, daughter of William A. Blair, and has three children, Bernice, Lois and Myron. The Allens reside at 419 West Howard street.

ROBERT H. MEEKS, a substantial farmer and landowner of Center township, residing on the Bethel pike, rural mail route No. 1 out of Muncie, was born at Muncie on November 4, 1883, and is a son of James W. and Lucy (Hummel) Meeks, the latter of whom, born at Connersville, Ind., was but a child when she came to this county with her parents, Joseph and Mary Hummel, and is still living at Muncie, residing at 425 East Gilbert street. The late James W. Meeks was born at Muncie, December 14, 1848, and was a son of Robert and Sarah (Jones) Meeks, the latter of whom was a daughter of Jacob and Beersheba Jones. Robert Meeks was for many years engaged in the furniture business at Muncie and further and fitting mention of him is made elsewhere in this work. James W. Meeks was graduated from the Muncie high school in 1870 and in the next year became a member of the firm of R. & I. Meeks & Co. taking the position of superintendent of the furniture factory and was thus engaged until that pioneer plant was destroyed by fire in 1890. The factory was not rebuilt, but the retail establishment and undertaking business was continued and James W. Meeks became head of the furniture department, the business being carried on under the firm name of R. Meeks & Sons, and he continued active in business. His death occurred at Muncie in 1913. James W. Meeks had other business interests in Muncie, was one of the incorporators of the Merchants National Bank of that city and a member of the board of directors of the same. He was for years a steward of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church and was active in the work of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. It was in 1876 that James W. Meeks was united in marriage to Lucy Hummel. To that union were born three children, all of whom are living, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Amelia, wife of Oliver J. Campbell, and Sarah, wife of Alfred C. Danks. Reared at Muncie, Robert H. Meeks received his schooling in the schools of that city and upon leaving the high school became connected with the affairs of the Meeks furniture store and undertaking establishment on Main street, and was thus connected until in 1908, when he moved to Rolla, Mo., and there became engaged in

farming. About eighteen months later he disposed of his interests in that state and late in the summer of 1909 returned to Muncie and bought the farm of eighty acres on the Bethel pike in Center township, where he ever since has resided. Since taking possession of this place Mr. Meeks has erected an entire new set of buildings and has otherwise improved the farm in up-to-date fashion, his farm operations being carried on in accordance with modern standards. Mr. Meeks is a member of Welcome lodge, No. 37, Knights of Pythias, at Muncie; is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he and his wife are members of the Universalist church. They are Republicans. In 1902 Robert H. Meeks was united in marriage to Etta Payton, daughter of Dr. Lewis and Agnes (Beall) Payton, of Muncie, and to this union six children have been born, namely: Ralph P., born in 1903; R. Milton, 1909; Mary Helen, 1915, now deceased; Nancy Edith, 1918, and Mary Janet and Martha Julia (twins), 1923. Mrs. Meeks also is a member of one of the pioneer families of Delaware county. Her father, Dr. Lewis Payton, who is still practicing medicine at Muncie, is a son of Gabriel Payton, who was one of the pioneers of this county.

MARION A. CUNNINGHAM, a former member of the board of county commissioners, a former trustee of Perry township and a substantial landowner of that township, now living retired at Selma, where he has made his home for nearly twenty years, is a native son of Delaware county and a member of one of the pioneer families here. Mr. Cunningham was born on a farm in Perry township on October 6, 1854, and is a son of Benjamin G. and Mary (Rees) Cunningham, the latter of whom was born in that same township, a daughter of Lewis Rees, one of the first associate judges of Delaware county, as is set out elsewhere in this work, and who was one of the first settlers of what now is Delaware county, he having established his home in the valley of White river in the northwest corner of Perry township in 1822, five years before Delaware county was organized. Benjamin G. Cunningham was born in Pennsylvania, August 28, 1811, and was twenty-five years of age when, in 1836, he came to Indiana and became a factor in the development of Delaware county. After his marriage to Mary Rees he established his home on a farm in Perry township and there continued farming the rest of his life, coming in time to be the owner of nearly 800 acres of land, his death occurring in 1861. He and his wife were the parents of six children, all of whom are living save two, Benjamin and Lewis, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Adeline, and two brothers, Joseph B. and

Stephen B. Cunningham. Reared on the home farm in Perry township, Marion A. Cunningham supplemented the schooling received in the local schools and in the high school at Muncie by a course in the old normal college at Valparaiso, Ind., and then gave his attention to the interests of the farm, farming in his mother's behalf, and was thus engaged until his marriage in 1881, when he established his home on the place he still owns in that township, having bought there a tract of 210 acres, and on that place he created one of the best farm plants in that part of the county. Mr. Cunningham continued actively engaged in farming and stock raising until his retirement, in 1905, and removal to Selma, where he since has made his home, his son, Nelson Cunningham, now looking after the affairs of the farm. Mr. Cunningham is a Republican and has rendered public service in several capacities. For two terms, back in the '80s, he served as trustee of Perry township, and in 1891 was elected to the board of county commissioners and by re-election served for two terms in that office. He is a York Rite Mason, affiliated with the blue lodge (Whitney, No. 229) at New Burlington, of which lodge his father was a charter member, and with the commandery (Knights Templar) at Muncie, as well as with the council, Royal and Select Masters, at Muncie. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Selma and he is one of the trustees of that congregation. It was in 1881 that Marion A. Cunningham was united in marriage to Anna Jump, and to this union five children were born, Fannie, Ethel, Manie, and Neva and Nelson (twins). Fannie Cunningham married Ole Hennison and has one child, a son, Ole. Manie Cunningham married Frank Wright and has two children, Dale and Lucile, and Nelson Cunningham, who is now operating the home farm, married Blanche Shoemaker and has one child, a son, Gene. Mrs. Anna Cunningham is a daughter of Dr. Samuel V. and Rebecca (Cecil) Jump, the latter of whom was a daughter of Aaron Cecil, who settled in Perry township in 1831. Dr. Samuel V. Jump, who for many years was recognized as one of the leading medical practitioners in Delaware county, former postmaster at New Burlington and a representative in the Legislature from this district in the late '60s, was born in the state of Delaware but was reared in Wayne county, this state. Upon the completion of his medical studies in Cincinnati in 1848 he came to Delaware county and established himself in practice at New Burlington, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on August 13, 1887. Mrs. Cunningham's mother died in 1870.

E. ARTHUR BALL, assistant treasurer of the Ball Brothers Company of Muncie, and present commander of the Indiana Department, American Legion, was born at Muncie on December 10, 1894, and is a son of Frank C. Ball, concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. E. Arthur Ball was reared in Muncie. After two years of high school work, he entered the Taft School at Watertown, Conn., and after four years of preparatory study there, entered Yale University and was thus in attendance in this latter institution when this country engaged in the World war in the spring of 1917. Returning to Indiana, he entered the first Officers Training Camp at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, and was given a commission as second lieutenant. Thus commissioned, he was assigned to the 42d (Rainbow) Division of the army being assembled at Camp Mills (New York) and as an officer of the 151st Field Artillery of that division sailed for overseas service on October 17, 1917. He was later transferred to the 117th Ammunition Train of the same division. The brilliant record of the 42d Division in its participation in four of the major operations of the war, in Lorraine, in the Champagne region, in the Marne defensive and offensive, St. Mihiel, and in the Meuse-Argonne campaign, with the decisive effects of these operations, and of the later participation in the operations of the Army of Occupation on the Rhine, is a matter of history. In October, 1918, Mr. Ball was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. With his command he left Europe on April 19, 1919, and in the following month was mustered out at Camp Zachary Taylor (Kentucky). Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Ball returned to Muncie and has since been giving his attention to the affairs of the great glass manufacturing plant operated there by his father and uncles, and is now assistant treasurer of the company. When Delaware Post, No. 19, of the American Legion was organized at Muncie in the fall of 1919 Mr. Ball was elected treasurer of that organization and later became commander of the post, which position he occupied at the time of his election in the summer of 1923 to the post of commander of the Indiana Department of the American Legion, an honor conferred upon him by the unanimous vote of the Indiana legionnaires, and to which responsible post he brings, as one of the newspapers said, "a knowledge of military affairs gained on the field of action." In 1921 and 1922 Mr. Ball occupied a position on the staff of the 76th Infantry Brigade, Indiana National Guard, with the rank of captain, and in 1923 was assigned to the staff of the 38th Division, with rank of lieutenant colonel, which position he still holds. Mr. Ball is a Scottish

Rite Mason and Knight Templar and holds the following positions: President of the Westwood Realty Company, president of the Muncie Chautauqua Association, vice president of the Army and Navy Club of Indiana, and a director of the Merchants National Bank of Muncie. E. Arthur Ball and Frances Davies were married in Indianapolis on January 24, 1920. They have two children, Arthur Brady Ball, born on January 22, 1921, and Barbara Helen Ball, February 22, 1923.

McCORMICK BROTHERS, proprietors of the great tin factory at Albany, a plant whose operations are carried on under the firm name of the McCormick Bros. Company, have developed a business there that has come to be recognized as one of the important industrial and manufacturing enterprises of Delaware county. This development is an outgrowth of the business established in this county thirty years ago by Robert B. McCormick, father of the present proprietors, who came here from Ohio back in the gas "boom" days and became engaged in the manufacture of washboards at Eaton, later transferring his activities to Albany, where his last days were spent. Robert B. McCormick was a veteran wood working manufacturer. For some time after his marriage he made his home at Bloomington, Ill., and then moved to Ripley, in Brown county, Ohio, where he became engaged in the manufacture of washboards. When a general impetus was given to manufacturing interests here in Delaware county following the opening of the natural gas field here in the early '90s, he moved his plant from Ohio to this county and set himself up in the manufacture of washboards at Eaton. That was in 1894. He continued in business there until in 1899, when he sold his plant and retired from business. His last days were spent in Albany, where he died on August 28, 1921, at the age of eighty-five years, and his three sons, A. G., O. N. and C. R. McCormick are carrying on the business which had its inception in his wise foresight. A. G. McCormick, president of the McCormick Bros. Company, was but a lad when his parents moved from Illinois to Ohio and his schooling was completed at Ripley. He early became associated with his father in the manufacture of washboards and when the factory plant was moved to Eaton in 1894, he took an active part in the operations of that concern and was thus engaged until the plant was sold in the fall of 1899. In 1900 Mr. McCormick moved to Albany and there became engaged in the hardware business in association with his brother, W. P. McCormick, a feature of this business being a well equipped tin shop. Gradually the development of this latter branch of the enterprise disclosed possibilities in that line that pointed the way to expansion on a large

scale and in 1912 the brothers sold the hardware store and have since been devoting their attention to the development of their tin manufacturing industry, manufacturers of general tinware and sheet iron specialties. It was in 1910 that the McCormick brothers became established in their present plant, buying then a building which forms a part of their plant to this day, but since then have added to and extended their floor space until now they have a plant of modern construction, as will be noted by reference to a picture of the same presented elsewhere in this work, and employ no fewer than 150 persons. A. G. McCormick is president of the company, O. N. McCormick is vice president, C. R. McCormick is secretary treasurer and W. P. McCormick is manager of one of the departments of the concern. A. G. McCormick is a Scottish Rite Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Murat Temple at Indianapolis, and is also an Odd Fellow and a member of the Muncie Rotary Club. He married Bernice Akey and has one child, a son, Cassius D. McCormick. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick are members of the Jackson Street Christian (Disciples) church at Muncie.

ROBERT W. LONG, a substantial farmer and landowner of Niles township, living on rural mail route No. 3 out of Eaton, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and has always been a resident of this county. Mr. Long was born on the old Long farm place in the immediate vicinity of Eaton on October 28, 1883, and is a son of John W. and Rufina (Smith) Long, the latter of whom was born in 1854, a daughter of Stephen A. and Susan (Martin) Smith, who were married in this county, where their last days were spent and who were the parents of fourteen children. John W. Long was born on the Long home farm, a part of which now is included within the limits of the town of Eaton, in 1846, and was a son of William Austin and Anna (McLaughlin) Long, both natives of Ohio, the former born in Clinton county in 1815 and the latter, in Logan county in 1823, and who, in 1826, had come to Indiana with their respective parents in the days of their youth, the Longs and the McLaughlins having become pioneers in Delaware county. William Austin Long, a son of Robert Long, the pioneer who settled on a tract of land just east of the present town of Eaton, married Anna McLaughlin in 1841 and established his home on the home place there, in time becoming the owner of a good farm of right around 300 acres. His wife died in 1864 and he died in 1883. They were the parents of seven children and the Long connection of this family in the present generation is a consid-

erable one. The late John W. Long, one of the organizers of the Farmers State Bank of Eaton and president of the same at the time of his death, grew up on the home farm in Eaton and not long after attaining his majority took a trip West, in 1868, seeking fortune in the gold fields of Montana. Upon his return to Eaton he resumed farming and after his marriage to Rufina Smith in 1876 established his home there on the edge of the then village, eventually becoming the owner of a good farm of 200 acres near that town, a part of which in time became incorporated in the town site. When the natural gas "boom" came on he took an active part in the work of community development that followed the opening of this new natural resource and was one of the organizers of the Eaton Oil Company. He also was one of the organizers of the Farmers State Bank of Eaton, established in 1894, and was the first vice-president of that institution. In 1898 he was elected president of the bank and in that capacity continued to serve until his death. In 1900 he was elected a member of the county council and served for two terms with that body. He died in 1922. To John W. and Rufina (Smith) Long were born three sons, two of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Harry Long, born in 1881, a lawyer, now living at Washington, D. C. An elder brother, William Austin Long, died at the age of eighteen years. Robert W. Long has from the days of his boyhood devoted himself to farming. He married when twenty-five years of age and continued farming on the home place until his removal to his present place, the old Peterson home farm in Niles township, the place on which his wife was born, where he since has resided. Mr. and Mrs. Long are Republicans and are members of the Granville Christian church. Mr. Long is a member of Eaton lodge, No. 606, Free and Accepted Masons. It was on October 15, 1908, that Robert W. Long was united in marriage to Mary A. Peterson, and to this union two daughters have been born, Helen Hope and Mary Catherine. As noted above, Mrs. Long was born on the farm on which she is now living in the Granville neighborhood. She is a daughter of Wilbur and Sarah Jane (Barley) Peterson, the latter of whom was also born in Niles township, a daughter of Samuel and Angeline (Haines) Barley, Virginians, who were among the pioneers of that township. The late Wilbur Peterson, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Greene county, Ohio, in 1840, and was a son of Moses and Malinda (Juda) Peterson, both natives of Virginia, whose respective parents had settled in Greene county as early as 1813. Wilbur Peterson grew up on a farm in the vicinity of Xenia and was

living there when the Civil war broke out. In August, 1862, he enlisted as a soldier of the Union and went to the front with the 110th regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, seeing much active service, including the battle of Gettysburg, and at the battle of Locust Grove (Va.) was severely wounded. In the fall of 1868 he married Sarah Jane Barley and established his home on a farm in Niles township, this county, the settlement point of many Greene county families. He started there with an "eighty" and as he prospered added to his holdings until he became the owner of 800 acres of land in that township, and there he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1923. To him and his wife were born four children, of whom Mrs. Long is the youngest, she having two sisters, Emma and Effie, and a brother, Samuel M. Peterson.

MARTIN HOFHERR, a former member of the Delaware county council and a substantial farmer and stockman of Mt. Pleasant township, proprietor of one of the "show" farms in this county, is not a native son of this county but has been a resident here since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Hofherr was born at Connersville, Ind., January 27, 1854, and is a son and first born of the nine children of Philip Jacob and Mary (Greisheimer) Hofherr, natives of Germany, the latter of whom had come to this country with her parents in the days of her girlhood, the Greisheimers settling at Connersville, Ind., where she was married. Something of the interesting story of the late Philip Jacob Hofherr, for many years one of the best known men in Delaware county, is told elsewhere in this volume. He was one of that plucky band of youthful patriots which in 1848 sought a wider measure of political freedom in Germany than an autocratic court thought fit to give and in consequence of his participation in that unsuccessful revolution was compelled to flee his native land, along with thousands of political refugees of the period, many of whom found safe haven in Indiana. Philip Jacob Hofherr was college trained and was also a skilled musician, particularly proficient in the use of band and orchestra instruments, and upon his arrival in New York found no difficulty in attaching himself to one of the best circus bands of that period. Not long afterward he became connected with the orchestra in the old Barnum Museum in New York and when P. T. Barnum undertook the grand tour of Jenny Lind throughout the country in 1850 he became a member of the orchestra which accompanied the great singer entour. At Connersville, Ind., he became acquainted with Mary Greisheimer and early in 1853 married her and

established his home in that city, setting up as a music teacher and bandmaster. The band and orchestra which he organized at Connersville were for years in wide demand throughout the middle west and calls were made even from New York and New Orleans on the services of the Hofherr band. In 1862, with a view to the creation of wider opportunities for his growing family, Mr. Hofherr came to Delaware county and settled on a farm two miles southeast of Yorktown, where he spent the remainder of his life, coming to be the owner there of an excellent farm of 263 acres, the greater part of which now is included in the farm of his son Martin. Though living on the farm, Philip Jacob Hofherr ever retained his interest in his music and was for many years widely known throughout this part of the state as a music teacher, his influence in that direction being felt in the community to this day. Philip Jacob Hofherr died on August 9, 1901, and his widow died on October 11, 1911. Their children are all living, those besides the subject of this sketch being John, Mary, Minnie, Kate, William, Anna, Jacob and Louis. As will be noted by a comparison of above dates, Martin Hofherr was eight years of age when he came with his parents to Delaware county in 1862. His schooling was completed in the neighborhood district schools in Mt. Pleasant and Salem townships and he remained on the farm until some time after he had attained his majority when he returned to Connersville and was for a time there employed as a clerk in a store, but he soon returned to the old home place in Mt. Pleasant township and after his marriage began farming on his own account, renting from his father the place on which he is now living, a tract of 200 acres, and after his father's death bought from the other heirs their respective interests in this place, to which he has added until now he has a well improved farm of 235 acres in Mt. Pleasant township. Mr. Hofherr has brought this farm up to such a high standard of cultivation and improvement that it long has been regarded as one of the "show" farms of eastern Indiana. In the summer of 1923 when under the direction of the agents of the agricultural experiment station of Purdue University a band of 100 farmers from Essex county, Ontario, made an inspection of farm conditions in Indiana the Hofherr farm was made one of the points of visitation and inspection, an object lesson of value to the Canadian farmers, and a high compliment to Mr. Hofherr's competency as a farm manager. Mr. Hofherr is a Republican and has served two terms as a member of the county council. He is a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Muncie. Martin Hofherr married Mary Jones,

daughter of John and Dolly (Bouy) Jones, and he and his wife have four children, Walter R., Elizabeth, Lena Mae and Grace, two of whom are married. Walter R. Hofherr married Iva Snodgrass and has two children, Pauline and Philip. Lena Mae Hofherr married Ernest Shaw and has one child, a son, Eugene Martin Shaw.

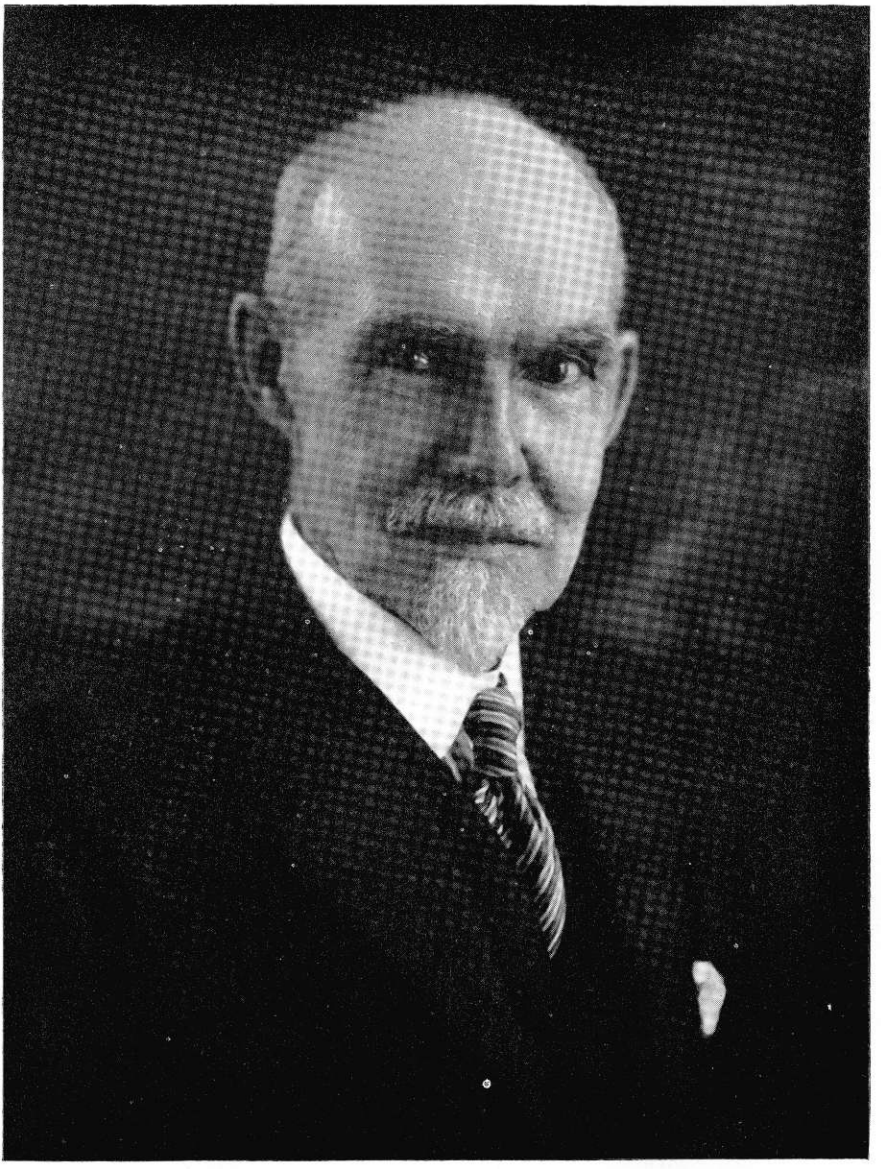
OVERTON SACKSTEDER, JR., secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Aladdin Manufacturing Company of Muncie, manufacturers of portable electric lamps and general electrical specialties, a resident of Muncie since 1917, was born at Louisville, Ky., August 19, 1893, and is a son of Overton and Emma (Monroe) Sacksteder, the latter of whom was born at Louisville, Ky., daughter of John W. Monroe and Carry (Hitenheine) Monroe, the former of whom was a great-great-grandson of a brother of James Monroe, fifth President of the United States. The senior Overton Sacksteder, who is now living in Chicago, was born at Louisville, Ky., a son of Dr. Frank Sacksteder, a druggist and physician, who also was born at Louisville and who served for two terms as a state senator from his district. He was a son of John Sacksteder, an Alsatian, who had located at Louisville upon coming to this country. The senior Overton Sacksteder was for some time engaged in Louisville as a dealer and jobber in oil and then took up the insurance business, which he followed until in 1923, when he moved to Chicago and has since been living there, connected with the Chicago *Tribune*. To him and his wife were born four children, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Carrie, wife of R. D. Bache, and Lillian, wife of R. D. Phelps, and a brother, Frank Sacksteder. The junior Overton Sacksteder was reared at Louisville and was graduated from the Louisville School of Technology in 1910. He also took some post-graduate work in that institution and then became engaged in electrical work. Five years later he became connected with the electrical department of a large hardware jobber at Louisville, in charge of their electrical department, and was thus engaged until in 1917, when he came to Muncie as general manager of the Highlands Manufacturing Company, electrical fixture and lamp manufacturers. Some time later Mr. Sacksteder organized the Aladdin Manufacturing Company and became engaged in the manufacture of portable electric lamps at Muncie. In 1923 he enlarged the scope of the activities of this concern by taking over the plant of the Highlands Manufacturing Company and merging the two concerns, continuing as the Aladdin Manufacturing Company, and has since been carrying on the business under that name with a well equipped and up-to-date plant at the

corner of Eighteenth and Hackley streets. G. M. Spencer is president of the Aladdin Manufacturing Company, William F. Spencer is the vice-president, and Mr. Sacksteder is the secretary-treasurer and general manager. Mr. Sacksteder also is president of the Aldersea Grocery Company and of the Eureka Sales Company of Muncie, as well as of the Delaware Parking and Service Company. He is a Freemason, a member of Daylight Lodge, No. 760, F. and A. M., at Louisville, and has attained to the capitular or Royal Arch degree in that ancient order. On July 16, 1916, at Louisville, Overton Sacksteder, Jr., was united in marriage to May Kreiger, daughter of Henry L. and Anna (Weindel) Kreiger, of that city, and to this union two children have been born, a son, Overton Sacksteder III, and a daughter, Nancy May. Mr. and Mrs. Sacksteder are members of Grace Episcopal church and Mr. Sacksteder is the superintendent of the Sunday school of that parish. He is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the Country Club. Mrs. Sacksteder is a member of the local Delphian Society and is secretary of the Muncie Mothers' Council.

CHARLES H. GUTHRIE, a substantial farmer and landowner of Liberty township and one of the leading horticulturists in eastern Indiana, residing on the Smithfield pike, rural mail route No. 5 out of Muncie, was born in Liberty township on September 15, 1870, and is a son of John and Sarah (Inlow) Guthrie, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families there. John Guthrie, who died in 1881, the owner of a farm of 150 acres in Liberty township, was a son of Newton Guthrie, one of the early settlers of that township. To John Guthrie and wife were born four children, two of whom are now living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Harry F. Guthrie, of Muncie. Charles H. Guthrie was eleven years of age when his father died. He finished his schooling in the Mt. Tabor school and early began farming on the home farm in his mother's behalf and was thus engaged until his marriage in his twenty-first year, after which he began farming on his own account, as a renter. In 1905 Mr. Guthrie came into possession of eighty-five acres of the old home farm and in 1908 moved to that place and occupied the same as a practical farmer until his removal in 1920 to his present place of residence on the Smithfield pike. Mr. Guthrie now is the owner of 280 acres of land lying in the three townships, Liberty, Perry and Monroe, and has a well improved place. For thirty years Mr. Guthrie has been giving his special attention to horticulture and has come to be recognized as the largest producer of

raspberries and strawberries in the county, finding a ready market for these luscious products in Muncie. He also is widely known for the excellent quality of his melons. In addition to his general farming and horticultural operations, Mr. Guthrie also for years has been carrying on a considerable dairy business. He is a Republican and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Improved Order of Red Men. On August 6, 1891, Charles H. Guthrie was united in marriage to Stella Fullhart and to this union two children have been born, a son, Clarence Herman, and a daughter, Jessie, the latter of whom married Earl Langsdon. Clarence Herman Guthrie married Cora Canady and has three children, Jean, John and Eileen. Mrs. Stella Guthrie was born at Richmond, Ind., and is the daughter and only child of Willard and Margaret (Jones) Fullhart, now living in Monroe township, this county, and the latter of whom was born in Mason county, West Virginia. Willard Fullhart, the owner of a farm of 150 acres in Monroe township, was born in Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and has lived in this county all his life save for two or three years following his marriage at Richmond when he made his home in that city.

DR. LUCIUS L. BALL, M. D., medical director of the Western Reserve Life Insurance Company and a director of Ball Brothers Company, has lived in Muncie for more than thirty years. Doctor Ball was born in Greensburg, Trumbull county, Ohio, March 29, 1850. His father was Lucius Stiles Ball, born in Ascot, Canada; his mother Maria P. (Bingham) Ball, born in Stansted, Canada. Lucius Stiles Ball was the eldest son of William Ball, born on January 1,1814; he left Canada when he was about twenty years old and went South where he remained about ten years, then joined his parents who had in the meantime moved to a farm in Greensburg, Trumbull county, Ohio. Benjamin Bingham, father of Maria P. Bingham, also moved from Canada and located on a farm in Ashtabula county, Ohio. Lucius Stiles Ball and Maria P. (Bingham) Ball were married on September 1, 1846. To them were born eight children, six sons—Lucius L., the eldest, William C., Edmund B., Frank C., and Clinton H., the latter of whom died in infancy, and two daughters—Lucina A. and Frances May. Lucina A., an educator of note, died in 1901. Frances May married William J. Mauck, president of Hillsdale College. When Lucius Ball was twelve years old his father and mother and family moved to New York state, locating near Buffalo, and two years later they moved to Canandaigua, New York, where they remained for ten years. The children attended the public schools and completed their education in the Canandaigua Academy. The father died in



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Canandaigua January 25, 1878. Shortly after his death the mother and five sons moved to Buffalo, New York, where Lucius entered the Medical Department of the University of Buffalo, and was graduated in 1889. For three years thereafter Doctor Ball served as house physician in the Adrian Hospital, Pennsylvania, and then began the practice of medicine in Buffalo. In 1894 he rejoined his brothers in Muncie. Doctor Ball is a Knights Templar, 32° (Scottish Rite) Mason and is a member of the Universalist church. In 1893 Dr. Lucius L. Ball married Sarah Rogers, of Buffalo, N. Y. They have one daughter, Helen, who was graduated from Vassar College in 1919. Although now retired from the active practice of medicine, Doctor Ball, in order to keep abreast of new discoveries in medical science and in touch with his profession, holds membership relations with the state and national medical societies and the Muncie Academy of Medicine and with the medical section of the American Life Insurance Convention.

WALTER C. WEANER, secretary-treasurer of the Johnson Oil Burner Company of Muncie, is a native of Illinois, born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Mt. Vernon in that state, August 29, 1885, and is a son of H. J. and Alice L. (Limbert) Weaner, the latter a daughter of George and Rachel Limbert. H. J. Weaner is a native Hoosier, born on a farm in the vicinity of the village of Saratoga, in the neighboring county of Randolph, and has been a successful farmer. In the fall of 1880 he moved from Indiana to Illinois and established his home on a farm of 169 acres in the Mt. Vernon neighborhood in that state, where he continued actively engaged in farming until his retirement some years ago, meanwhile becoming the owner of a farm of 400 acres. He is now engaged in the commission business at Mt. Vernon. To him and his wife were born six children. Walter C. Weaner grew up on the home farm at Mt. Vernon and upon leaving the high school there took up hospital training and pursued a course of three years of such training. Instead of following nursing as a vocation, however, he turned his attention to salesmanship and after taking a course in this line became employed as a traveling salesman for the Dayton Computing Scale Company of Dayton, Ohio, a line which he followed until he took up his present line of manufacturing. In 1916 Mr. Weaner purchased the right to manufacture oil burners under the Johnson patents and in 1917 came to Muncie and established here a factory, operating under the name of the Johnson Oil Burner Company, C. Ray Andrews being president of this company and Mr. Weaner being secretary-treasurer and general manager, with offices and plant at 606½ East Jackson street. This com-

pany manufactures all kinds of burners for the utilization of fuel oil in factory equipment, as well as a complete line of oil stoves for domestic use, and has created a wide market for its products. On October 3, 1910, Walter C. Weaner was united in marriage to Carolyn Rehlmeyer, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Rehlmeyer, and he and his wife have two children, Charles Henry and Clarice Maxine. Mr. and Mrs. Weaner are affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church and are Democrats.

JOHN B. BRAZIER, superintendent of the Dean Drop Forging Company's plant at 1825 East Jackson street, Muncie, was born in England but has been a resident of this country since he was a boy and of Muncie for the past fifteen years. Mr. Brazier was born in the city of Birmingham (England), September 21, 1879, and is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Bird) Brazier, both of whom also were born in England, and who in 1889 came to the United States with their family and settled in Boston, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The late Samuel Brazier was a writer, all his life being devoted to literary work, and for some time after coming to this country was engaged as editor of a magazine at Boston. He died at his home in that city in 1909 and his widow survived him but two years, her death occurring in 1911. Samuel Brazier was twice married. By his first marriage he had three children, one of whom is still living, Mrs. Emily Payton, who continues to make her home in England. By his second marriage he was the father of eight children, four sons and four daughters, but three of whom are now living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Winifred, and a brother, Ernest E. Brazier. As will be noted by a comparison of above dates, John B. Brazier was ten years of age when he came to this country with his parents in 1889. He completed his schooling in the Boston city schools and early became interested in the mechanical crafts, entering the employ of the Walworth Manufacturing Company of Boston as a machinist. He remained with that concern for six years, becoming thoroughly well grounded in his trade. He then transferred his connection to the drop-forging department of the plant of the United Shoe Machine Company at Winchester, Mass., and was there employed for three years making dies. He then was given charge of the die room of the plant of the Cape Ann Tool Company of Rockport, Mass., an organization of which J. J. Dean was the president, and when in 1909 Mr. Dean established his plant at Muncie, creating the Dean Drop Forging Company, Mr. Brazier accompanied the organization as superintendent of operation and has since been thus

engaged, one of the substantial figures in the industrial life of the town. Mr. Brazier is an active member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and is a Knight Templar Mason. On August 28, 1908, at Springfield, Mass., John B. Brazier was united in marriage to Lilla Merriam, who was born at Millbury, Mass., a daughter of Henry T. and Harriet (Wheelock) Merriam, and to this union two children have been born, a son, John B. Brazier, Jr., and a daughter, Harriet. The Braziers reside at 1600 East Main street. Mr. and Mrs. Brazier are Republicans and are members of St. John's Universalist church. Mr. Brazier is one of the deacons of that church, a member of the board of trustees of the same and also assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. Mrs. Brazier is a member of the local chapter (Paul Revere) of the Daughters of the American Revolution by right of descent from one of the men who held the historic bridge at Concord. She also is a member of the Round Table Club and the Muncie Mothers' Council.

GOLA SMITH, a grocer at Muncie, was born in this city and has lived here all his life. Mr. Smith was born on May 29, 1880, and is a son of John F. P. and Henrietta (Kibler) Smith, both natives of that part of the Old Dominion now included in West Virginia, who had come to Indiana with their respective parents shortly after the breaking out of the Civil war, both the Smith and the Kibler families settling in Delaware county. John F. P. Smith, now proprietor of a feed barn at Eighth street and Hoyt avenue, is a son of John F. Smith, a member of one of the Virginia Colonial families, who upon coming to Muncie during the early '60s of the past century became engaged here working at his trade as a carpenter and cabinet maker and casket maker. After his marriage to Henrietta Kibler, John F. P. Smith established his home at Muncie and has continued to reside here, now living at 270 Hoyt avenue. For about fifteen years he was employed as a sawyer in a barrel heading shop, then became a sawyer in another wood-working shop, sawing plow beams. He later was made manager of Moody's lumber yard, and was thus engaged for about twelve years, at the end of which time he took up his present business at the feed barn mentioned above. Of the eight children born to him and his wife five are still living. Reared at Muncie, Gola Smith received his schooling in the city schools and as a young man became employed in a lumber yard, where he worked for about six years, at the end of which time he became employed in the big glass manufacturing plant of the Ball Bros. Company. For eight years Mr. Smith worked in this plant, and then in partnership with his brother,

John M. Smith, he became engaged in the grocery business on Hoyt avenue. Something more than eight years later he bought his brother's interest in this store and a year later moved his establishment to his present location at 1400 South Walnut street. That was in 1922 and he since has been engaged in business at that number, proprietor of a well appointed retail grocery store. On August 22, 1918, Gola Smith was united in marriage to Elizabeth M. Bosher, who was born in New York state, daughter of R. J. and Katherine M. (Corwin) Bosher, who came to Indiana in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Smith reside at 271 Hoyt avenue. They are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church and are Republicans. Mr. Smith is a member of the local council (Delaware No. 4) of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

GEORGE ALEXANDER BALL, treasurer of the Ball Brothers Company of Muncie, the great glass manufacturing concern with whose interests he has been identified since its inception, was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, November 5, 1862, and is a son of Lucius Stiles Ball and Maria P. (Bingham) Ball, who were the parents of eight children. An account of Mr. Ball's ancestry, early life and business career will be found in the biography of his brother, Edmund Burke Ball. George A. Ball was six years of age when the family moved to Canandaigua, N. Y., where he attended public school and completed his schooling in the Canandaigua Academy. When he was twenty-one years of age, in 1883, he joined his elder brothers in the manufacturing enterprise they had started some years before at Buffalo, N. Y., and when in 1887 the Ball interests were transferred to Muncie he came here and has since been a resident of Muncie, an active and influential figure in the general industrial, commercial and social life of the city and of the community of which he thus has been a part for more than thirty-five years. In addition to his activities as treasurer of the Ball Brothers Company, Mr. Ball has extensive interests in other directions. He is a member of the directorates of the Merchants National Bank and of the Delaware County National Bank of Muncie, a director of the Marine Trust Company of Buffalo, N. Y., and is also a member of the boards of directors of the Indiana Portland Cement Company, the Muncie & Portland Traction Company, the Indianapolis, Newcastle & Eastern Traction Company and the Muncie & Western Railway Company. Mr. Ball's services in behalf of general educational and philanthropic movements are widely recognized and he is a member of the board of trustees of Indiana University and one of

the directors of the association having in hand the erection of the hospital for children of Indiana as a memorial to James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet. Mr. Ball is a Freemason and is a member of the Muncie Rotary Club. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and he is an elder in the church. In 1893 George A. Ball and Frances Woodworth were married at Buffalo, N. Y. They have one daughter, Elizabeth, who graduated in the class of 1922 in Vassar College.

DANIEL F. COX, president of the Yorktown town board, president of the York Tool and Manufacturing Company of Yorktown, a former building contractor and a substantial landowner of Mt. Pleasant township, now living at Yorktown, was born in that township and has lived there practically all his life. Mr. Cox was born on October 1, 1865, and was but eight years of age when his father died. He thus early was thrown pretty much on his own resources in the matter of a livelihood and at the age of thirteen left school and began working as a farm hand in his home township. When seventeen years of age he went to Muncie and began working as a carpenter's hand and there learned the details of the building trade. He continued working as a carpenter at Muncie until in 1893 when, during the height of the natural gas "boom" he returned to his old home in Mt. Pleasant township and set up as a building contractor on his own account, building houses and barns all over that part of the county, for there was much new building and a great deal of reconstruction work going on in that vicinity about that time. Mr. Cox continued actively engaged as a building contractor until in 1902 when he became engaged in the lumber business at Yorktown, doing business as the Yorktown Lumber Company. For fifteen years Mr. Cox continued thus engaged in the lumber business at Yorktown, meanwhile acquiring considerable farm interests in that vicinity, becoming the owner of about 200 acres of land, and then he sold his lumber yard and became engaged in active farming and so continued until his retirement in 1919 and removal to Yorktown, where he since has resided, renting his farm lands. When Howard Warfel organized the York Tool and Manufacturing Company at Yorktown in 1920 Mr. Cox became actively interested in that enterprise and was elected president of the company, a position which he still occupies. Mr. Cox is a Democrat and is the present president of the Yorktown town board. He is a Freemason and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Cox has been twice

married. His first wife, Catherine Simpson, died leaving one child, a daughter, Mae, and he later married Elizabeth Yingling. Mae Cox married Edward Thorne and has seven children. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

BERT POWERS, secretary of the Gaston Canning Company and general manager of that company's plant at Gaston, was born on a farm in the Gaston neighborhood in Washington township, on January 15, 1872, and is a son of Mark and Mary (Ferguson) Powers, both of whom also were born in this county and the latter of whom is still living. She was born in Washington township in 1849, daughter and only child of Isaac and Susan (Lewis) Ferguson, the former of whom in that same year joined a party of gold seekers going to California, and on his way back to Indiana in 1851 died at St. Louis. The late Mark Powers, former treasurer of Delaware county and former president of the Gaston Banking Company, was born at Elizabethtown on the Mississinewa, June 4, 1845, and was a son of Uriah and Sylvania (Wilson) Powers, the former a Virginian and the latter a Pennsylvanian. Mark Powers was but eleven years of age when his mother died and was fifteen when his father died, and he was living with his uncle, John Powers, in Henry county, when the Civil war broke out. In 1864 he enlisted as a hundred-day man and was assigned to Company B of the 134th Indiana, later re-enlisting and serving until the close of the war with Company K of the 137th regiment. After his marriage in 1867 he established his home on the old home place in Washington township. For eight years he served the people of that township as township trustee and in 1890 was elected treasurer of Delaware county, and by re-election served for two terms in that office. In the spring of 1902 Mr. Powers helped in the organization of the Gaston Banking Company and was elected president of the same, a position he filled until his resignation in 1920. He also helped organize the Gaston Canning Company in 1902 and served as president and treasurer of that concern until in 1912, when he sold his interest in the cannery to his son, Bert Powers, present general manager of the plant. Mark Powers also helped to organize the Gaston Telephone Company and was for years treasurer and general manager of the same. He also had an interest in a hardware store at Gaston and in a store at Muncie, was a member of the board of directors of the Merchants National Bank of Muncie and owned a half section of land in Washington township. He died on January 18, 1923. Of the eight children born to him and his wife, all are living save one who died in infancy and a son George W., who died in 1897 at

the age of twenty-seven, the others besides the subject of this sketch being Webb, Paul, Bruce, John and Susan. Bert Powers received his schooling at Gaston and early acquired mercantile experience as a clerk. In 1898 he became engaged in the hardware business at Gaston in association with his father and still retains his interest in that store, in partnership with L. Bond. In 1912 Mr. Powers bought his father's interest in the plant and affairs of the Gaston Canning Company and served as treasurer of that concern until in 1918, when he was elected secretary and general manager of the company, which position he has since occupied. He also is a member of the board of directors of the Gaston Telephone Company. He is a Republican, as was his father, and is an Odd Fellow and an Elk. Bert Powers married Catherine M. Harrison and he and his wife have twin daughters, Louise May and Frances Elizabeth.

JACOB SMITH KEESLING, a veteran farmer and landowner of Salem township, who recently died at his home there, was a native Hoosier and had lived in this state all his life, a resident of Delaware county for many years. Mr. Keesling was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Madison, December 19, 1857, and was a son of Jacob and Nancy (Riggs) Keesling, the latter of whom was born in Ohio. Jacob Keesling was born in Virginia and was but a boy when he came to Indiana with his parents, Jacob Keesling and wife, the family settling in Madison county, where the senior Jacob Keesling entered a tract of land from the government and established his home. On that pioneer farm the junior Jacob Keesling grew to manhood and after his marriage became a farmer on his own account and came to be the owner of a good farm of eighty acres. He and his wife were the parents of fifteen children, five of whom are still living and of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the only one to make his residence in Delaware county. Jacob Smith Keesling was reared on the home farm in Madison county and remained on the farm with his father until after his marriage when he rented a farm in that county and was engaged in farming there for a couple of years, at the end of which time he came over into Delaware county and rented the farm on which his last days were spent and which he came to own, the old Abshire home farm in Salem township, the place on which his widow was born. In 1914 Mr. Keesling bought this farm of eighty-two acres and later increased his holdings there to 162 acres and had a well improved farm. He died there in 1924. Jacob Smith Keesling married Loretta Abshire, who, as noted above, was born on the farm on which she is now living in Salem township,

and who is a daughter of Edward and Catherine (Basicker) Abshire, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Madison. Edward Abshire was born in Virginia and was but a child when he came to Indiana with his parents, Allen Abshire and wife, who settled on a farm in Salem township, this county, where Edward Abshire grew to manhood. After his marriage he became a farmer in that township and became the owner of more than 200 acres of land, as is set out elsewhere in this work, together with further details regarding the Abshire family in this county. To Jacob S. and Loretta (Abshire) Keesling were born five children, Effie Mae, Jacob, Catherine, Russell and Bethel Edna, all of whom are married save Russell, who is with his mother on the home farm. Effie Mae Keesling married George W. Reedy and has two children, Orville and Maxine. Jacob Keesling (IV) married Ruth Haynes. Catherine Keesling married Charles W. Jones and has one child, Darrel; and Bethel Edna Keesling married Clay Stewart and has four children, Dorothy, Madaline, Russell and Dora Catherine. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Keesling has continued to make her home on the old home place, which is pleasantly situated on rural mail route No. 1 out of Daleville.

LEMUEL A. PITTENGER, representative in the Indiana General Assembly from Delaware county, professor of rural education in the Eastern Division of the Indiana State Normal School, an educator of many years standing in Indiana and a farmer and landowner, residing on the Selma pike in Liberty township, this county, is a native son of Delaware county and has lived here the greater part of his life, from the days of his young manhood interested in educational affairs. Mr. Pittenger was born on a farm in Delaware township on September 27, 1873, and is a son of Isaiah and Josephine (Swander) Pittenger, both members of pioneer families in this county. Reared on the home farm, Lemuel A. Pittenger received his early schooling in the old Hickory Grove school, supplemented this by two years of attendance in the Selma high school, took a course in the Central Indiana Normal School at Danville and then began to teach school, thus engaging in a profession which ever since has engrossed his attention. Furthering his qualifications for teaching he took a course in the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, and then entered Indiana University. At the end of three and one-half years study there he received his Bachelor degree and after one year of further study was given his Master degree. For six years Mr. Pittenger was engaged as the head of the English department of the Muncie high school and

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then he became connected with the teaching staff of the old Muncie normal. Two years later, in an effort to restore the declining fortunes of that institution, he became acting president of the school and carried it through another term. That was about twenty years ago. Mr. Pittenger's next connection with school work was as the head of the English department in the Bloomington schools, in which capacity he served for five years, or until in 1913 when he was engaged as head of the English department of the Ohio State Normal School at Kent, in which institution he served for seven years or until his resignation in 1920 on account of failing health. Upon leaving the school room Mr. Pittenger returned to Delaware county and established his home on the farm on which he is now living on the Selma pike, rural mail route No. 1 out of Selma, and has since resided there. In the spring of 1923 he was recalled to school work as a temporary substitute for Mr. Clippinger in the English department of the Eastern Division of the Indiana State Normal School at Muncie and thus returned to the old school grounds on which he had labored twenty years before. In the fall of 1923, when this substitute labor was concluded, he was prevailed upon to put in his lot with the state school, was elected professor of rural education in the normal and is thus again back into school work, which to him always has been a labor of love. Mr. Pittenger is a Republican and has long taken an interested part in civic affairs. In the fall of 1922 he was elected to represent Delaware county in the Indiana General Assembly and in that capacity served in the 1923 session of the Legislature, head of the important ways and means committee of the House of Representatives and thus one of the most influential factors in that body. Of the six bills introduced by Mr. Pittenger during that session, five became laws of the state, one of these being the important teachers certification law. He was renominated for the legislature in the May primary, 1924. In 1900 Lemuel A. Pittenger was united in marriage to Bertha Orr, who also was born in this county, daughter of J. N. and Nannie (Simmons) Orr, both members of pioneer families in the county, and to this union two children have been born, a son, Arthur O., and a daughter, Mary Joe, the latter of whom is now a student in the Eastern Division of the Indiana State Normal School at Muncie. Arthur O. Pittenger is a student at Indiana University, a member of the class of 1925. Mr. Pittenger is a Freemason and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. He was reared in the United Presbyterian church faith and was formerly an elder of that communion.

WILLIAM M. BIRCH, head of the W. M. Birch Company, general contractors in highway construction, street paving and excavation work at Muncie, is a Missourian by birth but has been a resident of Delaware county the greater part of his life and for more than thirty years has been engaged in his present line in Muncie, it having been he who laid the first bit of brick paving put down in that city. Mr. Birch was born on a farm in St. Clair county, Missouri, June 27, 1864, and is a son of Rodney C. and Agnes Birch. Rodney C. Birch died in Little Rock, Ark., shortly after the close of the Civil war and his widow with her small son came to Indiana and settled in the Albany neighborhood. William M. Birch thus was early left without a father's help and when hardly more than a boy he started out "on his own." His schooling was finished in the Albany schools and then he followed Horace Greeley's advice to young men and went West, becoming engaged in construction work in the task of laying branch lines for the Santa Fe railroad. For some time he was employed in railway construction camps and then became engaged in similar work on irrigation projects in Colorado, and thus early became thoroughly familiar with the details of construction work. After four years of this sort of experience Mr. Birch undertook contracting on his own account and was for two years engaged as a contractor on irrigation works, laying the groundwork for the later successes which were to come to him in this line. Then he returned to Delaware county and located at Muncie, where he opened out as a general contractor in excavation work, cement sidewalk construction and the laying of sewers, which lines gradually were extended, as street paving came along, to include street and road building, and it was in this latter line that he laid the first brick street put down in Muncie. It was in 1892 that Mr. Birch began his contract work in Muncie, just about the time the new era of development opened out well in the town, and he ever since has been working along these lines. His field of activities presently were extended to cover work of this kind generally throughout eastern Indiana, sidewalk, street and sewer construction, and in 1913 he organized the present W. M. Birch Company and the business since has been carried on by this corporation. This firm is regarded as one of the leading firms of contractors along these lines in eastern Indiana, road building, paving and excavating being its specialty. Mr. Birch is a Democrat. He is a Scottish Rite (32 degree) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Murat temple at Indianapolis, and is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce. In 1891 William M.

Birch was united in marriage to Clara A. Pittenger, daughter of Daniel and Eleanor Pittenger and a member of one of the pioneer families of Delaware county, and he and his wife have one child, a daughter, Nola A., wife of Lieutenant Commander Robert W. Hayler of the United States navy. The Haylers have two sons, Robert W. and William Birch Hayler. Mr. and Mrs. Birch are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. They reside at 800 East Washington street.

WILLIAM H. BALL, assistant general manager of the Ball Brothers Company of Muncie and a veteran of the World war, was born at Buffalo, N. Y., October 28, 1893, and is the son of William C. and Emma (Wood) Ball, who became residents of Muncie in 1897 and the latter of whom is still living here, making her home on beautiful Minnetrista boulevard. The late William C. Ball, a member of the Ball Brothers Company, died in the spring of 1921 and further and fitting mention of him is made elsewhere in this work. William H. Ball was four years of age when his parents moved from Buffalo to Muncie in 1897. He thus was reared in Muncie, getting his initial schooling here. Upon leaving the high school he entered the Howe Military Academy and after two years there entered Hillsdale College at Hillsdale, Mich., of which his uncle, Joseph W. Mauck, is president. Mr. Ball attended Hillsdale during the years 1913-14, was president of his class and took a leading part in college athletics. After further preparatory work at Hillsdale he entered the chemical engineering school of Cornell University, in 1916, and was there in attendance when this country entered the World war. In the fall of 1917 he married and one month later, December 14, 1917, enlisted for army service and was assigned to the 60th (infantry) regiment of the 5th Division of the national army. Soon afterward he was transferred to the headquarters company of the gas service detachment of the 5th Division and in February, 1918, was made a sergeant. He took a detachment of this division to Camp Logan (Texas) and soon afterward was transferred to Camp Merritt (New Jeresy) in preparation for overseas service and on April 14, 1918, sailed with the command to which he was attached for France. With this command Mr. Ball saw much active service at the front, thus participating in the action of the Vosges, the Baccaret, the St. Mihiel and the Argonne sectors. He sailed for home on August 4, 1919. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Ball entered the office of the Ball Brothers Company at Muncie, starting in as a clerk in the sales and purchasing department, with a view to learning the details of

the office end of the business. On January 1, 1921, he went over to the old office building of the plant with a view to learning the details of factory operation and production, and two years later, January 1, 1923, was made assistant to Edmund B. Ball, his uncle and the general manager of the concern, and is now serving in that administrative capacity. On November 14, 1917, William H. Ball was united in marriage to Marian Agnes Medsker, who was born at Muncie, December 3, 1893, daughter of C. L. Medsker, and to this union a daughter, Lucina, was born on August 21, 1918. Mrs. Ball is a leader in local musical circles. Mr. Ball is also quite musical. They reside at 222 North Monroe street.

KARL A. OESTERLE, vice president and manager of the Delaware County National Bank of Muncie, a past president of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, treasurer of the Delaware county Republican central committee and in numerous other ways actively identified with the commercial and civic life of the community, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Indiana and of Muncie for thirty years and more and thus "grew up" with the new city which developed here following the opening of the natural gas field in the late '80s and early '90s. Mr. Oesterle was born in the pleasant village of Washingtonville in Columbiana county, Ohio, August 21, 1879, and is a son of C. W. and Mary (Mascher) Oesterle, both of whom were born in Germany and had come to this country with their respective parents in the days of their youth. The late C. W. Oesterle, whose last days were spent in Muncie, was a shoemaker, a vocation which he followed all his active life. In 1893, when Muncie was beginning to enjoy such a rapid accretion of population following the opening of the industries dependent on natural gas here, he came to Muncie with his family and here he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1912. To him and his wife were born nine children, all of whom are living save one daughter, Mrs. Rosa Ross, who died in St. Louis. Of the remaining children of this parentage but three are residents of Muncie, the subject of this sketch and his brothers, Isadore and Eugene Oesterle. The others are Mrs. Elizabeth Striver and Mrs. Mollie Ruthenberger, of Blue Island, Ill.; Mrs. Mary Langenbach, of Terre Haute, Ind.; Mrs. Evelyn Pruden, of Lockport, N. Y., and Mrs. Lydia Hartman, of Norwood, Mo. When Karl A. Oesterle was but a small child his parents moved from Washingtonville to Leetonia, in Columbiana county (Ohio), where he was in school until he was twelve years of age, when he went to St. Louis to make his home with his elder sister, Mrs. Ross, and was there for

two years or until in October, 1893, when he rejoined his parents, who in that year had made their home in Muncie. Karl Oesterle thus was fourteen years of age when he came to Muncie, and his first job here was as a cash boy and delivery boy in the Keller-Bryce clothing store. In 1896, when seventeen years of age, he took a job "on the road" as a salesman for the American Washboard Company of Cleveland and was thus engaged as a traveling salesman for nine months, at the end of which time he returned to Muncie and resumed his employment with the Keller-Bryce concern, remaining there in a responsible capacity until in 1903, when he became attracted to a proposition which had opened out in Salt Lake City, Utah, and went to that city, but not finding things there to his liking he presently returned and again became associated with the Keller-Bryce company, this time as secretary of the company, and was thus engaged until in 1912, when he was elected to the directorate of the Delaware County National Bank, was made vice president of that old established institution, and has since been serving in that capacity, manager of the bank. Mr. Oesterle also is a member of the directorates of the Warner Gear Company, the Muncie Malleable Foundry Company and the Keller Company, of which latter concern he is treasurer, and is president of the Carr Drug Company. He also is treasurer of the Republican county central committee and is president of the sinking fund committee of the city of Muncie. Ever since its organization, Mr. Oesterle has been treasurer of the Delaware county chapter of the American Red Cross and is now also secretary of that body. He is a member of the directorate and treasurer of the local Social Service Bureau, a member of the board of trustees of the Bert H. Whiteley Charity Fund and a member of the board of the local fund of the Near East Relief and was vice chairman of the committee which had in hand the local campaign in behalf of the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital fund in this county and was treasurer of that fund. During the period of this country's participation in the World war, Mr. Oesterle served on all the local Liberty Loan "drives" and on one of these sales was credited with making a million dollar sale in one transaction. When the United War Work campaign came on in the fall of 1918 he was made chairman of the local committee in charge of that drive, which was closed on November 11 (Armistice day) with a full subscription of this county's quota of $125,000, the largest single item contributed here as an outright gift to war work. He also served as a "Three Minute" man and under appointment of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, served as chairman of the campaign for the sale of treasury

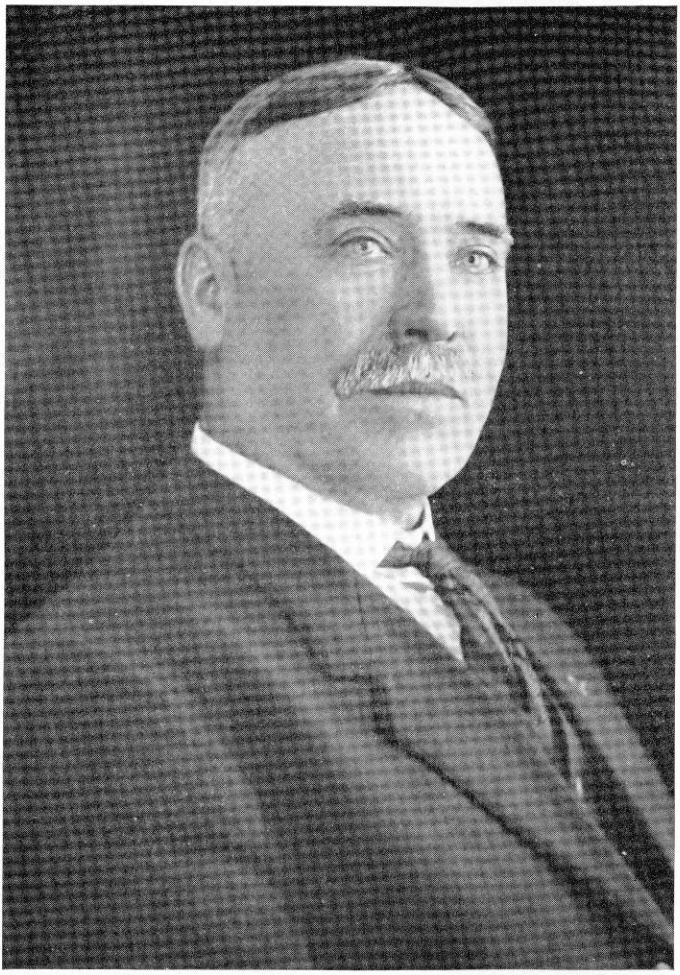
certificates issued in anticipation of the Victory loan to the government. When the Delaware County Bankers Association was organized for the purpose of more effective service during the time of the war Mr. Oesterle was elected president of that association, an organization which has been continued very effectively. Mr. Oesterle is a past president of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, past president of the local Rotary Club, is a 32d degree (Scottish Rite) Mason and is also affiliated with the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Loyal Order of Moose. Karl A. Oesterle married Mayme E. Johnson, daughter and only child of John C. and Martha J. (Hutchinson) Johnson, of Muncie, and to this union three children have been born, Mary Jane, John Conrad and Lydia Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Oesterle are members of the First Presbyterian church, of the congregation of which he has for years been one of the trustees. He also is superintendent of the Sunday school of that church and for a number of years was the congregation's financial secretary. The late John C. Johnson, father of Mrs. Oesterle, was for years one of the leading figures in the commercial and industrial life of Muncie and was president of the Delaware County National Bank at the time of his death in 1904. He was a native of New York state, had been a resident of Muncie since 1884 and was past sixty-one years of age at the time of his death. His widow, who was born in Albany, N. Y., daughter of David and Mary (Chambers) Hutchinson, survives and is still living at Muncie.

JOHN C. JOHNSON, a veteran of the Civil war and at the time of his death nearly twenty years ago president of the Delaware County National Bank of Muncie, had been a resident of Muncie for twenty years, actively identified with the industrial and commercial affairs of the community, and at his passing left a good memory. It therefore is but fitting that in this definite history of the county in whose interests his services had so long been rendered there should appear some brief memorial of his life and service. Mr. Johnson was born in Albany county, New York, May 21, 1843, and was a son of Henry I. and Eliza (Ferguson) Johnson, both of whom also were born in New York state. Henry I. Johnson was a farmer in Albany county. In 1864 he moved to Ashtabula, Ohio, and in 1881 moved with his family into Indiana and located at Muncie, where he died not long afterward. John C. Johnson was but seventeen years of age when the Civil war broke out, but he lost no time in getting into the service of the Union army and went out with Company K of the 44th regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry (the famous "Ellsworth

Avengers"), and was serving with that command when at the battle of Hanover Court House he was severely wounded, later being discharged for physical inability. He then entered the service of the Quartermaster's Department and thus served until the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Johnson finished his schooling at the Boys Academy at Albany, took a course in the old Bryant & Stratton Commercial College and then became employed as a bookkeeper in the office of a lumber concern at Albany and was thus engaged there for fifteen years, during which time he became thoroughly familiar with the details of the lumber business. In 1882 Mr. Johnson became engaged in the lumber business on his own account at Bridgeport, Conn., but two years later (in 1884) disposed of his interests there and came to Muncie to rejoin his brother, Abbott L. Johnson, who meanwhile had become engaged here in the lumber business, and the brothers became associated in the lumber business here, thus forming business connections which, when the "boom" consequent on the opening of the natural gas field here came on a few years later proved profitable for both. John C. Johnson became interested in several industrial and commercial enterprises, was one of the leaders in the old Commercial Club movement, for some time president of the Commercial Club; was active in city expansion enterprises, served for several years as a member of the city common council and in other ways did what he could to advance the interests of "Magic Muncie." In the summer of 1896 he was elected president of the Delaware County National Bank and in that capacity served until his death, December 13, 1904. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, a York Rite Mason and a Presbyterian, for years an elder of the First Presbyterian church and a member of the building committee which directed the erection of the edifice now occupied by that congregation. On October 26, 1870, John C. Johnson was united in marriage to Martha J. Hutchinson, daughter of David and Mary (Chambers) Huntchinson, of Albany, N. Y., and to that union one child was born, a daughter, Mayme E., who married Karl A. Oesterle, present vice-president and manager of the Delaware County Bank, and has three children, Mary Jane, John Conrad and Lydia Elizabeth. Mrs. Johnson survives her husband and is still living at Muncie, which has been her home for forty years. It is a significant historical fact that when the funeral of John C. Johnson was held in Muncie in December, 1904, factory operations, mercantile activities, street car traffic and other business affairs were suspended for ten minutes during the time of the

obsequies, as a mark of the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

MICHAEL J. McGUFF, founder of the M. J. McGuff Coal and Builders Supply Company of Muncie and a former member of the common council of the city of Muncie, who died at his home here in the summer of 1913 and whose business is still being carried on in the family, his widow now being president of the company which he founded and his son, Edmund J. McGuff, general manager of the concern, had many friends in this community and at his passing left a good memory. The late Michael J. McGuff was born in the pleasant and romantic village of Yellow Springs in Greene county, Ohio, June 24, 1857, and was a son of Thomas McGuff, who was born in County Clair, Ireland, and who had come to this country in the days of his young manhood and had established his home in Ohio. Reared at Yellow Springs, Michael J. McGuff as a young man became a traveling representative of the old William Whiteley Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of harvesting machines, at Springfield, Ohio, and in 1897 when the Whiteley Malleable Castings Company was established at Muncie came over here with the force that accompanied the plant from Springfield and became employed in the Muncie plant as foreman of the annealing department and was thus engaged until about twenty years ago when he embarked in the coal business at Muncie, establishing the business which is still carried on in the family and which he was carrying on at the time of his death on July 8, 1913. About ten years after he had embarked in the coal business he had added to his yards a general line of builders supplies and this combination has since been maintained, the offices and yards of the concern being at the corner of Plum and Wysor streets. Mr. McGuff also established the plant of the Muncie Brass and Aluminum Company, which after his death was sold. The coal and supply business was kept up after his death, his widow, Mrs. Sarah E. McGuff, being the present president of the company, which is a partnership concern or close corporation, with her son, Edmund J. McGuff, as vice president and manager, Mrs. Mary Morrison as secretary, and Harry B. Morrison as treasurer. Mrs. McGuff (Sarah E. Ward) was born in the village of Harmony in Clark county, Ohio. Michael J. McGuff was a Republican and for some time represented his ward in the common council of the city of Muncie. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Modern Woodmen, and was a member of St. Lawrence's Catholic church, as are his widow and children. There are four of these chil-



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dren, Mary, Edmund J. and Edna (twins) and Margaret, all save the last named of whom were born in Ohio. Edmund J. McGuff was born at Springfield, Ohio, March 8, 1892, and was about five years of age when his parents moved from Springfield to Muncie and he received his schooling in the schools of the latter city. As a lad he began to take an interest in his father's coal yard and thus literally "grew up" to the business with which he ever since has been connected and of which he now is the general manager. In 1913 Edmund J. McGuff was united in marriage to Mabel James, daughter of William F. and Helena (Cochran) James, who died in 1920, leaving two children, Sarah Elizabeth and Nancy Jane. On May 15, 1923, Mr. McGuff married, secondly, Ruth M. Fox, daughter of George and Martha (Sullivan) Fox. Mr. McGuff is a member of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and of the Kiwanis Club and also is affiliated with the local council of the Knights of Columbus, with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Phi Delta Kappa fraternity. Mary McGuff married Harry B. Morrison, present treasurer of the M. J. McGuff Coal and Builders Supply Company; Edna McGuff married Layman W. Amos, of St. Louis, and Margaret McGuff married Garland Retherford. It was in 1918, when the McGuff firm took up the builders supply line that Harry B. Morrison entered the firm and he since has acted as treasurer of the concern.

WILLARD A. BARTLETT, one of Muncie's long established realtors and president of the Midwest Mortgage and Bond Company of Muncie, is a member of one of the real pioneer families of Delaware county, the Bartletts of this line having been represented in this county for nearly ninety years. Mr. Bartlett was born over the line in the neighboring county of Randolph, January 22, 1878, and is a son of the Rev. Martin and Emeline (Life) Bartlett, the latter of whom was born in that same county, a member of one of the pioneer families there. The Rev. Martin Bartlett, a minister of the United Brethren church, who is now living in Wayne county, was born in Delaware township in Delaware county and is a son of Robert and Elizabeth Bartlett, the former of whom was a son of William Bartlett, a Virginian, who had come out here into the New Purchase in 1835 with his family and who on October 10, 1836, entered from the Government a tract of land in section 24 of Delaware township, this county, where the Bartlett home became established and where Robert and Elizabeth Bartlett reared their family. They were the parents of ten children and as most of these married and reared families of their own the Bartlett connection of this line in the present generation

is a considerable one. Of these children, four are still living, the Rev. Martin Bartlett having two sisters, Mary and Flora, and a brother, Thomas Bartlett. The Rev. Martin Bartlett was reared on the home farm in Delaware township and after his marriage established his home on a farm in Randolph county, some years later was ordained a minister of the United Brethren church and for twenty-five years made his home in Randolph county, farming and preaching. He then moved back to Delaware county and here remained until his removal in 1917 to Wayne county, where he is now living at a ripe old age. To him and his wife were born four children, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Nellie and Anna, and a brother, Charles Bartlett. Reared on the home farm in Randolph county, Willard A. Bartlett finished his schooling in the old Ridgeville College and in the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, from which latter institution he was graduated, and then he took up the study of law under the preceptorship of Judge Caldwell at Winchester. Two years later, in 1903, he came to Muncie and here became engaged in the mortgage and bond brokerage business, a line which ever since has engaged his attention and in addition to which he is engaged in the general realty business, with present offices at 417 the Wysor building. In 1916 Mr. Bartlett promoted the organization of the Midwest Mortgage and Bond Company of Muncie, was elected president of this company and has since been the executive head of the same, directing the affairs of the company from his office in the Wysor building. This concern is a mortgage and bond house for bankers, banks, life insurance companies and corporations, enabling interior banks to offer a complete banking service, and its several departments cover farm loans, city loans and bonds, specializing in real estate mortgage bonds, government, municipal and other high grade bonds and nontaxable securities. Mr. Bartlett is president of this company, Fred J. Hughes and Harry H. Orr are vice-presidents, M. E. Stauf is the secretary-treasurer and M. V. Bartlett is inspector, besides which there is a board of governors—fourteen in all—representatives of various financial interests in this and adjacent counties and in western Ohio. The purpose of the expansion program adopted by the Midwest management in 1916 is set out to be "a response to the urgent needs of the rural and smaller town communities for the same banking services rendered by banking institutions in the financial centers. Its purpose is to bring to the various banking communities, through its member bankers and the banks they represent, all the advantages afforded the customers of the

strong metropolitan bank—a thing that is now beyond the powers of the smaller independent bank." Willard A. Bartlett married Glenna Moore, daughter of James and Rebecca Moore, and he and his wife have four children, two daughters, Mildred and Esther, and two sons, Robert and Dwight, the latter of whom are still in high school. Mildred Bartlett is a student in the state normal school and Esther Bartlett is a teacher in the Muncie junior high school. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett are Republicans and are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church, in the Sunday school of which congregation Mr. Bartlett has for years been a teacher. The Bartletts reside at 518 Beechwood avenue.

S. WEBB JORDAN, former trustee of Perry township and a substantial farmer and landowner of that township, residing on the Burlington pike, rural mail route No. 6 out of Muncie, was born on a farm in section 23, in the southeastern part of that township, October 6, 1860, and is a son of William Alexander and America (Davidson) Jordan, the latter of whom, a member of one of the pioneer families in the neighboring county of Henry, died in 1872. William Alexander Jordan also was a native Hoosier, born in Wayne county, this state, in 1826, and was a son of William and Mary (McClellan) Jordan, Pennsylvanians, the former of whom was a son of John Jordan, who in 1808, eight years before Indiana was admitted to statehood, had moved with his family into the then wilds of Indiana Territory and had settled in Wayne county, the family home presently becoming established in the Economy neighborhood. In 1846, when twenty years of age, William Alexander Jordan came up into Delaware county and bought a quarter section of land in section 23 of Perry township. In the next spring he married and established his home there, and for more than sixty years was a resident of this township, his death occurring in 1910. In his generation William Alexander Jordan was widely known as a breeder and buyer of live stock. He was successful in his business and extended his holdings until he became the owner of 640 acres in his home township. He also served as justice of the peace in and for that township for years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a Republican. Of his twelve children eight are still living, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Mary C., Josephine and Carrie, and four brothers, Marion, John S., William and Volney Jordan. Reared on the home farm in Perry township, S. Webb Jordan received his schooling in Center school (district No. 9) and was from the days of his boyhood helpful in the labors of developing the home farm. After his

marriage he rented one of his father's farms and was thus engaged in farming for seven years, at the end of which time he and his wife bought an "eighty" on the Burlington pike, a part of the place on which they are now living, and have since resided there. In the meantime Mr. Jordan has added to this place until now he is the owner of a well improved farm of 240 acres and in addition to his general farming gives much attention to the raising of hogs. Mr. Jordan is a Republican and for six years (1909-1915) rendered public service as trustee of Perry township. In 1886 S. Webb Jordan married Emma L. Rees, also a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, daughter of John and Mary Rees, of Perry township, and he and his wife have three children, a daughter, Carrie E., and two sons, John W. and Lewis A. Jordan, all of whom still are at home. Both sons are veterans of the World war.

WILLIAM H. PHILLIPS, who at the time of his death in the fall of 1917 had been for years the vice president of the Delaware County Bank of Muncie and who also was a substantial farmer and land-owner of Liberty township, where he made his home, was a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and all his life was spent here. He lived to be near eighty years of age and there were few men in the county who were better known than he. The late William H. Phillips was born on a pioneer farm in Liberty township on April 30, 1840, and was a son of Henry and Susanna (Sweetman) Phillips, the latter of whom was a daughter of one of the pioneers of Butler county, Ohio. Henry Phillips was a Virginian, born in Shenandoah county (now in West Virginia) in 1795. As a young man he went into Ohio and in Butler county married Susanna Sweetman. In 1836 he came up here into Indiana and established his home on a woodland tract in section 7 of Liberty township, this county where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, useful pioneers of that section of the county. They were the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters, and the continuing connection of this branch of the Phillips family in this county is a considerable one. William H. Phillips grew up on the home farm in Liberty township, completed his schooling in the old Engleside Institute in Butler county, Ohio, and early became a school teacher, a profession he followed in his home county for twelve years, meanwhile carrying on farm work during the summers. At the age of thirty years he married Mahala F. Keesling, who also was born in this county, a daughter of Martin and Cora (Rees) Keesling, of Perry township, and who died more than thirty years ago. Martin

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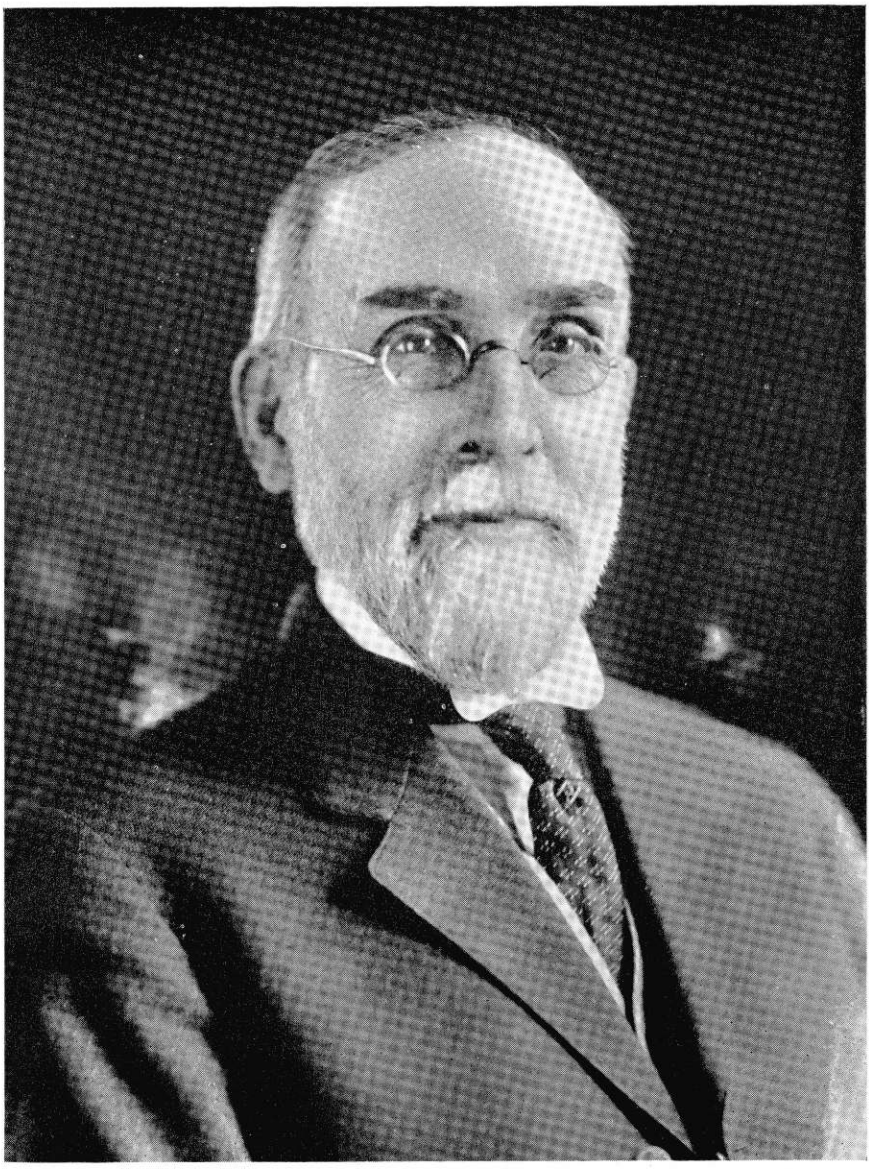
Keesling was a Virginian who had come to this county in the days of his young manhood and who after his marriage had settled in Perry township, where he became the owner of more than 750 acres of land and was long accounted one of the most substantial farmers of Delaware county. He died in 1868 and his widow survived him for twelve years, her death occurring in 1880. She was a member of the pioneer Rees family of this county concerning whom numerous references are made in this work. After his marriage William H. Phillips established his home on a farm in section 5 of Liberty township, about four miles northeast of Muncie. When the old Delaware County Bank of Muncie was nationalized in 1892 William H. Phillips became one of the directors of that institution and later was made vice president of the bank, a position he occupied to the time of his death. He also was a director of the Muncie Trust Company, organized in 1900, and had other interests of a substantial character in the city and county. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a Republican. William H. Phillips died on November 20, 1917, he then being in his seventy-eighth year. He was the father of five children, three daughters, Mrs. Leora M. Cecil, Mrs. Gertrude F. Dragoo and Mrs. Nellie B. Shroyer, and two sons, Harry H. and Edgar E. Phillips, all of whom are still living in Delaware county.

C. C. CRAMPTON, head of the firm of C. C. Crampton & Son, general plastering and stucco contractors at Muncie, is a native son of Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, and has been a resident of Muncie since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Crampton was born on a farm in Hamilton township on March 21, 1869, and is a son of Charles C. and Mary Ann (Lynsacum) Crampton, the latter of whom also was born in Indiana. Charles C. Crampton was born in Ashland county, Ohio, October 9, 1838, and was a son of Joel and Eleanor (Ross) Crampton, the latter of whom was born in Jefferson county, that state, March 14, 1808. Joel Crampton was born in New Haven, Conn., November 20, 1802, and was seven years of age when his parents moved to Ohio with their family, settling in Ashland county. He became a pioneer live stock dealer in Ohio and was thus engaged until his retirement. His last days were spent in Delaware county, his death occurring here on August 27, 1882. It was on April 13, 1826, that he married Eleanor Ross, who died on September 20, 1861. Charles C. Crampton, one of the six children born to this union, came over into Indiana upon reaching his majority and after his marriage established his home

on a farm in Hamilton township, where he spent the remainder of his life. During the earlier years of his residence there he was engaged during the winters in teaching school and became widely known throughout the county. To him and his wife were born four sons, the subject of this sketch, the second in order of birth, having three brothers, O. W., Arthur R. and John W. Crampton. Reared on the home farm in Hamilton township, C. C. Crampton received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and early became interested in the plasterer's trade and at Muncie became a skilled workman in that line. After working for others for about five years he became engaged as a plastering contractor on his own account and has ever since been thus engaged at Muncie, a period of something more than thirty-six years, of late years giving attention to the growing demand for stucco construction, and now has associated with him in business his elder son, Charles F. Crampton, doing business under the firm name of C. C. Crampton & Son. It may be said that with few exceptions Mr. Crampton has had the plastering contract on every building of considerable consequence erected in Muncie during the later phase of its reconstruction program. He also has carried out large contracts in other sections of Indiana, as well as in a number of other states, no fewer than seven states having been a field for his operations as a plastering contractor. Mr. Crampton is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Felows and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. C. C. Crampton married Juliet Stewart, daughter of Joseph Stewart, also a member of one of the old families of Delaware county, and he and his wife have three children: Charles F., mentioned above, who married Helen Smith; Mary M., wife of Walter McDonald, and Raymond S. The Cramptons reside at 420 South Elm street.

HARDIN ROADS, who died in the spring of 1923, had been for many years one of the most active and influential figures in the commercial and industrial life of Muncie, of which city he had been a resident for more than thirty-five years. As president of the Merchants National Bank and a directing factor in several other banks, as one of the most active promoters of the interests of the Muncie Chamber of Commerce and as a director in various industrial and commercial concerns, his personal influence was exerted in many directions and he thus for many years occupied a position of unusual responsibility in the community. Mr. Roads was born in Highland county, Ohio, February 4, 1840, and was thus eighty-three years of age at the time of his death. He completed his schooling in the college at Lebanon, Ohio, was for some time engaged as a teacher in the



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schools of his home county and then became engaged in the grocery business at Hillsboro, Ohio. In 1887, upon the opening of the natural gas field here, he disposed of his interests in Ohio and came to Muncie, where he became engaged, in association with the Glascock brothers, in the wholesale grocery business, under the firm name of H. Roads & Company, and was thus engaged until in 1892, when the business was sold to Joseph A. Goddard, present head of the Joseph A. Goddard Company, wholesale groceries, at Muncie. Early in 1893, in association with a group of local capitalists, Mr. Roads promoted the organization of the Merchants National Bank of Muncie and was elected president of the bank, a position in which he was retained until his death on May 7, 1923, a period of thirty years, during which time he became recognized as one of the leading bankers in Indiana. He also from time to time held connection with other banking institutions hereabouts, these including the old Muncie Trust Company, the Merchants Trust and Savings Company of Muncie, the Yorktown Banking Company, the Farmers State Bank of Eaton, the Commercial Bank of Daleville, the Parker Banking Company, the Selma Banking Company and the Gaston Banking Company. He also was a member of the board of directors of the Joseph A. Goddard Company and a stockholder in the American Lawn Mower Company. From the days of the beginning of the old Commercial Club Mr. Roads was one of the vitalizing factors in the extension of that body's interests, for many years serving as treasurer of the same, and when the present Chamber of Commerce became the successor to the former body he took an equally servicable interest in the operations of the new organization, ever helpful in all movements having to do with the extension of community interests. Though not a member of any fraternal organization his interest in general civic and patriotic movements could always be relied on to help promote all proper local activities. He was an active member of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church, a well recognized figure in Indiana Methodism, and was for some years a member of the board of trustees of DePauw University. In February, 1863, Hardin Roads married Ellen VanZant, who died in 1917.